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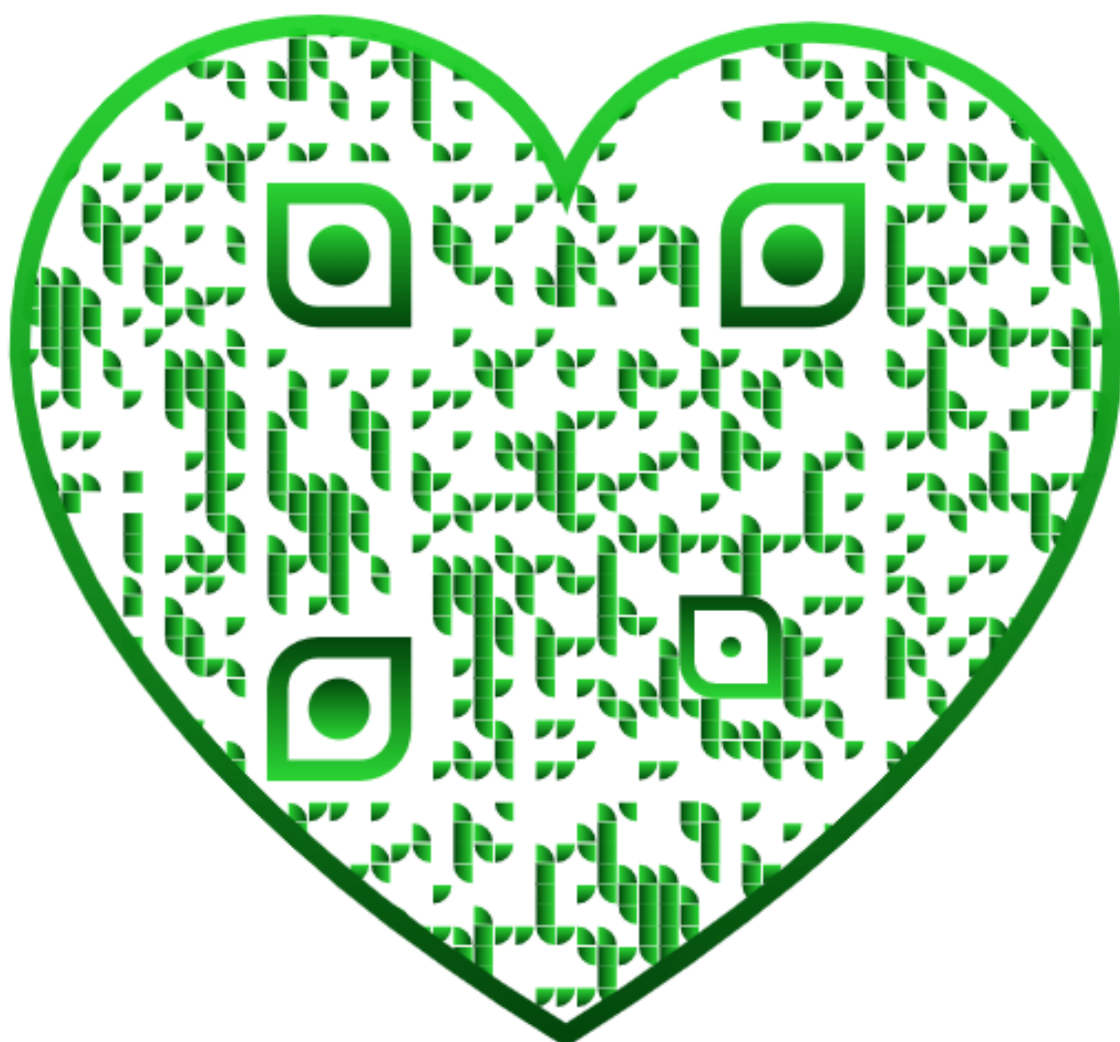


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From the editor's desk

The news that Great Wall Motor Company had used the occasion of the 2025 Shanghai Auto Show to unveil a new twin-turbocharged 4.0-litre V8 petrol engine – which it describes as its “secret weapon in luxury markets” – would no doubt have ruined the taste of many early-morning coffees in automotive company boardrooms across Europe. Outlined on page 88, the extraordinary growth of the Chinese automotive industry over the past decade had, until this moment, appeared to leave a few stones unturned in terms of plans for global dominance, including targeting the highly evolved, if somewhat endangered, realm of large-capacity internal combustion powertrains. While GWM is keeping its cards close to its chest with regard to outputs, potential hybridisation and applications for its new V8 engine, its mere existence adds more pressure on the so-called legacy brands to keep pace ... or risk being left behind.

Closer to home, as we were compiling our A-Z feature (see page 26), the fact that a 24th brand had to be added to our list of Chinese automotive brands, which are operating or about to open for business in South Africa, speaks to how rapidly the landscape is changing. Almost on cue, where we would ordinarily have been accustomed to commentary about fairly unrefined throttle calibrations and compromised fuel consumption in petrol-powered products from China, GWM delivered its new turbodiesel Tank 300 for evaluation. Turn to page 68 to read how this potentially game-

changing derivative fares.

Of course, one virtue the Chinese brands cannot replicate is legacy. As much as vehicles like the GWM Tank continue to ruffle feathers in their respective segments, we continue to ask just how much value we place on the established reputation for rugged reliability associated with brands such as Isuzu, or customer care and after-sales service from the likes of Hyundai, while compiling our exclusive first tests of the updated MU-X (page 62) and the reimagined Grand Creta, now known as Alcazar (page 74).

On the subject of legacy, our attendance at the Cape 1000 rally (page 38) – a timed event that echoes such racing epics as the Mille Miglia and Targa Florio – and our exclusive drive of Ferrari's retro-leaning 12Cilindri on local soil (page 44) served as a timely reminder that, as much as the automotive industry continues to evolve, the world is still a better place for man-made machinery that can still evoke an emotional response. **car**



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WINNING LETTER



HAPPY WITH THE CHINESE

With the increasing number of Chinese SUVs on our roads and the return of MG, I decided to check out the MG HS Luxury. While I was impressed by its powerplant and standard features, the dealer experience was substandard. Neither the salesman nor sales manager, who accompanied me, have followed up on my test drive. I have to disagree with your testers in the May '25 issue who called it competitively priced. Even the

list price of R535 000 is high and the quote to me was inflated to R555 000.

I was, however, very impressed with the Omoda C5 1.5 Style and could not fault the CVT. At R376 645, it really is tempting. The Jetour Dashing Deluxe at R469 900 also looked enticing, but the R30 000 in on-the-road costs was a real killer. I found the Chery models felt too old-fashioned, but the Beijing X55 Elite has the best pedigree on paper – the manufacturing agreements

with Daimler and Hyundai hint at good quality. Door handles that come out to meet you are a quirky touch. By now I could really see what your testers mean by these vehicles having a cookie-cutter touch to them.

I eventually purchased a Haval Jolion Pro 1.5T S Ultra Luxury DCT. It compares favourably with the MG, with its multilink rear suspension and 7-speed DCT and head-up display. My decision was based upon the number of dealers, the time the brand has been on the market, value for money and the strong recommendation of a neighbour who already owns two Havals.

I have just done a 1 500 km trip around the Western Cape, including the scenic but poorly surfaced Swartberg and Prince Alfred passes. I thought my poor car would never be the same but back on tar it was just as quiet and comfortable

as before. I increased the tyre pressure to 3 bar to prevent sidewall cuts. Fuel consumption averaged 8 L/100. Lastly, it is quite obvious that listed prices for vehicles are a long way from on-the-road prices, and buyers must beware of these. Perhaps you could give on-the-road pricing for your test cars as this would be much more meaningful.

DAVID MCKINNEY

Via email

[We're pleased you have found so much joy with your Jolion and wish you many more miles of happy motoring, David. We aim to be as objective as possible in our evaluations and were left impressed with the HS' overall package and refinement. Our CAR Guide section is exactly the price sent from manufacturers, but there can be variations from dealer to dealer for on-the-road costs. – editor]

WIN

Reader **DAVID MCKINNEY** wins a Gardena Electric Lawnmower PowerMax and 25m wall-mounted Hose Box RollUp, **VALUED AT R9000**



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CHINESE HAVE THE KNOW-HOW

The letter from John Parr in the April 2025 issue is interesting and seems logical, but my suggestion is that it does not stand up to scrutiny.

All legacy (foreign) motor manufacturers in China have had Chinese partners for many decades. They were required to do so by law if they wanted to build cars there. For example, Volkswagen has about seven Chinese partners. These plants build complete vehicles and many are sold in overseas markets. So, for instance, several BMW engines are fully built in China. Cars such as the Ford Territory and the Honda Fit are built there, too.

So the Chinese have had 30 years to understand how 'foreign' cars are built. Indeed, the Chinese are now far ahead of the West in many aspects. It's also worth noting a million internal combustion engine cars and another million electric cars are built in China every month, and no other country has that scale. Impressive stuff!

Who will be able to compete with the Chinese auto industry without huge tariffs? The winner is ultimately the consumer.

China and India are the future of mass-produced, affordable vehicles, and the march to full electric (not hybrid) is probably unstoppable. In the mid-1970s, Volkswagen South Africa

exported the Passat to China, where it was rebadged as the Santana. How things change.

JOHN SIMPSON

Via email

[Although we are not yet entirely convinced the EV future is just around the corner, we agree that the Chinese have been working side-by-side with their Western counterparts for decades. The execution was still a little clumsy just 15 years ago, however. And let's not forget the hit-and-misses from the likes of the Chana Bennis and Hafei Lobo. Since those early days, many have caught up, but have not yet overtaken their foreign counterparts, particularly when it comes to driving feel and enjoyment. – editor]

NA AND PETROL FOR ME

Regarding Hilton Tregonning's letter to the editor in the May issue, perhaps Graham Eagle should run a column on direct versus port injectors and

stratified charge.

Some Toyota vehicles have both port and direct injectors. The D-4S system times the opening of the port and direct fuel injector to decrease emissions and achieve stratified combustion. Immediately after a cold engine start and during the exhaust stroke, fuel is injected into the intake port from the fuel injector assembly (for port injection). Fuel is also injected from the direct fuel injector near the end of the compression stroke.

This results in an air/fuel mixture that is stratified, and the area near the spark plug is richer than the rest of the air/fuel mixture. This process allows a retarded ignition timing to be used, raising the exhaust gas temperature. The increased exhaust gas temperatures promote rapid warmup of the catalysts and improve exhaust emission performance.

I do support Hilton's recommendation for naturally aspirated (NA) ICEs. My last two new vehicles both had turbos, which gave endless problems.

I have reverted to NA petrol engines, as diesel does not enjoy being channelled through these cheap injectors.

BRIAN YOUNGBLOOD

Via email

[An insightful suggestion that we will place on our technical adviser's desk, Brian. – editor]



NO BYD LOVE?

Why have you not yet reviewed any of the BYD cars? What would need to change for you to consider reviewing one?

We are seriously considering getting a BYD Dolphin as our entry into the new-energy vehicle segment. Its standard features list for the price certainly makes it a compelling alternative to the Volvo EX30. We have test driven both and, while the Volvo looks much sexier, we were impressed with the price, space, battery, efficiency and tech features of the Dolphin. This includes ventilated seats and reliable voice command system that, unlike the Volvo, doesn't require an internet connection.

If we had a larger budget, the BYD Seal looks appealing. For a similar price as the range-topping EX30, you are getting a much larger battery and car. It also looks the part with attractive sports sedan lines.

Finally, while we have the Lexus NX450, its more affordable sister, the Toyota RAV4 plug-in hybrid, is missing in the local market. Here again, BYD steps up to the plate with the Sealion 6 plug-in hybrid.

IZAK MARAIS

Somerset West

[We've attended the local introductions of the BYD models you mention. In-depth road tests require the presence of a media fleet in Cape Town and we have been assured they're on their way. Like you, we're excited to get our hands on this brand's wares. – editor]



LEADING THE CHARGE

Following a 10-year hiatus, Geely has made a bold return to South Africa with its Riddara sub-brand's RD6 all-electric bakkie

By: Marius Boonzaier

ETA: now

Through local electric vehicle (EV) dealer Enviro Automotive, the Geely brand has returned to South Africa after an absence of around 10 years, and the car leading the charge comes in the shape of the Riddara RD6, the first battery-electric bakkie in SA.

The local RD6 line-up will initially be exclusively offered with a 73 kWh lithium-iron phosphate battery and the choice of two powertrains: the RWD single motor model developing 200 kW and 348 N.m of torque, and the AWD with a combined 315 kW and 595 N.m from its two axle-mounted, permanent magnet synchronous motors.

According to the company, these figures allow the RWD and AWD versions to sprint to the three-figure marker from a standstill in 7.3 and 4.5 seconds, respectively, before topping out at 185 (RWD) and 190 km/h (AWD).

Both models offer an operating range of up to 424 km on a single full charge. However, Enviro Automotive has announced an extended-range AWD derivative equipped with a larger, 84 kWh battery is on the cards.

A RWD entry-level variant featuring a 63 kWh battery is also under consideration for our market.

Supporting DC fast charging of up to 110 kW, Enviro Automotive says the 73 kWh unit recharges from 30 to 80% in 30 minutes. A 20 to 80% AC charge takes seven hours. However, the RD6's battery can also be discharged (up to 6 kW) to power

"The ICE [internal combustion engine] age is over with the arrival of the new Riddara RD6"

— Gideon Wolfaardt, CEO of Enviro Automotive Group

worksite equipment and convenience appliances for camping.

The RD6 measures 5 260 mm long, front to rear, and 1 900 mm wide, while its wheelbase spans 3 120 mm. The RWD derivative is 1 865 mm tall and the all-paw model, which sports a 5 mm increase in ground clearance (225 mm), measures 1 880 mm in height. These dimensions are comparable to the likes of the Ford Ranger.

At 1 525 mm in length, 1 450 mm in width and 540 mm in height, the RD6's load bed offers a claimed 1 200 litres of packing space and a payload capacity of 1 030 kg. An additional 70 litres of stowage space can be found in a storage box below the bonnet.

Equipped with a MacPherson strut front/independent multilink rear suspension setup, the emission-free bakkie has a braked towing capacity of 3 000 kg. The water fording depth is rated at 815 mm.

Stepping inside, the up-to-date interior features such items as wireless smartphone charging, 10.25-inch digital instrumentation, 14.6-inch touchscreen infotainment incorporating smartphone screen mirroring, a six-speaker sound system and dual-zone climate control, among other items. The suite of safety systems includes blind-spot monitoring, lane-keep assist and automatic emergency braking.



SHOCK AND AWE

Renault's 5 Turbo 3E twin-motor EV super hatch promises an electrifying driving experience



At first glance, the Renault 5 Turbo 3E could easily be mistaken for a concept car. However, this “mini-supercar”, as the French firm dubs it, has been given the green light for production. Slated for introduction in 2027, only 1 980 examples (the number of units signifying the year the original R5 Turbo was unveiled) will be made.

Based on a newly developed platform, the R5 Turbo 3E features two electric motors, sited within the hubs of the 20-inch rear wheels. This

setup produces combined outputs of 400 kW and a seismograph-registering 4 800 N.m of torque. This allows the 1 450 kg, super hatch to complete the 0–100 km/h dash in under 3.5 seconds, on the way to a 270 km/h top speed.

The R5 Turbo 3E's 800 V electric architecture incorporates a 70 kWh lithium-ion battery pack, which offers a claimed operating range of 400 km on a single full charge.

It is worth noting the these remarkable figures may vary once the R5 Turbo 3E has officially completed homologation.

The R5 Turbo 3E's retro-styled bodywork measures 4 080 mm in length, 2 030 mm wide and 1 380 mm high. The two-door's carbon-fibre shell wraps around a driver-focused interior featuring such items as 10.1- and 10.25-inch displays, Alcantara-trimmed bucket seats with six-point harnesses, and a rally-style vertical handbrake.

0–100 km/h
3.50 seconds

Torque
4 800 N.m

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270 km/h

Power
400 kW

*Pending official homologation

POWER RANGER

Boasting a raft of mechanical upgrades, including braked towing power overshadowing the standard Ranger's, Ford Australia has unveiled the Ranger Super Duty. It remains unconfirmed for South Africa, though



To earn its name, the Ranger Super Duty was put through an extensive testing programme. Jim Baumbick, Vice President of Advanced Product Development, Cycle Planning and Programmes at Ford Motor Company, said, “We torture test our trucks to earn the name ‘Super Duty.’”

In fact, some of the tests conducted on the Ranger Super Duty were so tough the Blue Oval's Australian arm had to trade manpower for that of autonomous robots, which were used to run round-the-clock tests, such as simulating driving down a rock-strewn dry riverbed.

Available in single-, super- and double-cab body styles, the Super

Duty is exclusively equipped with Ford's 184 kW/600 N.m 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel, familiar 10-speed self-shifter and four-wheel drive.

In keeping with its workhorse proviso, the components of the Super Duty's two-speed transfer case have been enlarged and strengthened for enhanced durability, while the low-range gearing has been upgraded to match that of the larger F-Series Super Duty.

In addition to the transfer case, the engine, automatic transmission, front differential and 130-litre fuel tank have also been reinforced with high-strength steel plates.

Perhaps the most noteworthy revisions are the adoption of

a unique chassis frame and heavy-duty fore and aft axles (for increased load-carrying capacity), and reinforced suspension and tow bar mounts. Thanks to the latter, the Super Duty offers a braked towing capacity of 4 500 kg, 1 000 kg more than its V6 diesel siblings. In addition, Ford maintains the Super Duty's new rear diff is the largest and strongest ever fitted to a series-production Ranger.

The Super Duty further features Smart Hitch, which assists the driver in adjusting a trailer's load, a sealed snorkel and eight-stud wheel hubs with larger bolts. It also incorporates additional mounting points for aftermarket accessories and specialised equipment.

WOLF IN CROSSOVER CLOTHING

The Brabus-developed #5 is the most powerful smart ever produced

● The AWD performance crossover's twin electric-motor configuration produces 475 kW and 710 N.m of torque for a claimed 0-100 km/h sprint time of 3.8 seconds (when Launch mode is activated) and a top speed of 210 km/h.

●● The tech-laden interior features a trio of digital displays, for instrumentation, infotainment and the front passenger, respectively. A 20-speaker, 1 190 W Sennheiser sound system, panoramic sunroof and a 256-colour ambient lighting array are also present.



●●● Visually, smart's pinnacle #5 is set apart from its standard stablemates via the fitment of several model-specific design elements. Among other items, the sporty exterior includes 21-inch Brabus monobloc Z alloy wheels, red accents and brake callipers, and 'Brabus' branding.

●●● The 800 V electric architecture supports DC fast charging up to 400 kW. So, a 10 to 80% charge takes just 18 minutes. The replenished 100 kWh battery offers a range of up to 540 km.



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With the influx of Chinese vehicles on the South African market, our overview of these often little-known brands will help you make sense of this new motoring movement – from what's on offer to the exciting new models on the way



NOT LOST IN TRANSLATION

By: Charlen Raymond

BAIC

Headquarters: Beijing **Founded:** 1949 **SA line-up:** 2 models **Dealerships:** 48 **Cheapest vehicle:** Beijing X55 (from R429 900) **Most expensive vehicle:** B40 Plus 2.0T Champion (R699 500)

BAIC (Beijing Automotive Industry Group Co. Ltd) has been operating in SA since 2016 and officially opened an assembly plant in the Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) just outside Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), Eastern Cape in 2018 as part of an R11 billion investment. The joint venture with the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) brought about mixed results as the company’s local arm ‘bragged’ in August 2024 about the 300th vehicle rolling off its production line since the factory’s opening. BAIC SA currently assembles the Beijing X55 using CKD (complete knockdown) and SKD (semi-knockdown) kits. The other model in BAIC’s local portfolio is the imported B40 Plus – an adventure-ready SUV.



BYD

Headquarters: Shenzhen **Founded:** 1994 **SA line-up:** 7 **Dealerships:** 8 **Cheapest vehicle:** Dolphin (from R539 900) **Most expensive vehicle:** Sealion 7 Performance AWD (R 1 299 900)

BYD (Build Your Dreams) is the world’s leading NEV seller, shifting more than 4.2 million units globally in 2024. The SA contribution, however, is unclear, though we can speculate... The Shenzhen-based company was founded in November 1994. In 2003, it ventured into the automobile sector. Operating under the radar since its mid-2023 arrival in SA, BYD launched a flurry of new models, including the Shark 6 bakkie, in April 2025. The Shark 6 is SA’s first PHEV bakkie and has a combined power output of 321 kW and 650 N.m. The pure electric driving range is a claimed 85 km, with the combined range (1.5-litre turbopetrol and electric motor) rated at 670 km. BYD has three sub-brands, including Yangwang and Fangchengbao, but their local availability is still unconfirmed. However, following our trip to BYD’s HQ in November 2024, it was hinted Fangchengbao is under consideration for our market.



Changan

Headquarters: Jiangbei **Founded:** 1862 **SA line-up:** TBC **Dealerships:** TBC

Changan, formerly known as Chana, returns to the South African market in 2025 with a selection of vehicles. Saudi Arabian distributor Jameel Motors will import the vehicles to SA, with the portfolio covering the CS75 Pro SUV, the Alsvin compact sedan and Hunter bakkie. The latter is essentially a rebadged Peugeot Landtrek, given the joint venture between Changan and PSA (Stellantis). Deepal, Changan’s NEV arm, will also make landfall in SA with the S07. Overseas, it is available as a full EV or Range Extender (think BMW i3 Rex). These two brands are expected to commence local sales in Q4 2025.



Chery

Headquarters: Wuhu **Founded:** 1997 **SA line-up:** 4 models **Dealerships:** 95 **Cheapest vehicle:** Tiggo 4 Pro (from R269 900) **Most expensive vehicle:** Tiggo 8 Pro Max 2.0 TGD 390T Executive AWD (R731 900)

Chery is no stranger to South African consumers, with the automaker having previously done business here between 2008 and 2018, albeit unsuccessfully. However, the brand re-entered our market in 2021, this time with a new approach and a portfolio that made established industry players take note. The Tiggo 4 Pro heralded the new era, impressing with an array of technologies previously unheard of in the compact-SUV segment. Today, the portfolio comprises the Tiggo Cross, Tiggo 7 Pro, Tiggo 8 Pro and Tiggo 4 Pro; powered by a selection of naturally aspirated and turbocharged engines. The big news is Chery’s Himla bakkie is going into production in Q2, with an SA launch slated for later this year, or early 2026. While powertrain specifications are still unconfirmed, it is believed a 2.4-litre turbopetrol engine will power the bakkie. Don’t be surprised if a turbodiesel joins the lineup soon.



Dayun

Headquarters: Jinan **Founded:** 2004 **SA line-up:** 1 model **Dealerships:** TBC **Cheapest vehicle:** Yuehu S5 Standard (R399 900) **Most expensive vehicle:** Yuehu S5 VIP (R449 900)

Dayun arrived in South Africa in July 2024 and is imported and distributed exclusively through the Enviro Automotive group. Not much is known about Dayun’s plans locally (future models, product impressions, etc.), but it presently has the most affordable EV in South Africa. The Yuehu S5 is the sole model in the automaker’s passenger-vehicle portfolio and comprises only two derivatives. It employs a 31.7 kWh lithium-ion battery pack powering a front-mounted electric motor that produces 35 kW and 105 N.m, and offers a claimed operating range of 330 km. Given the car’s city-focused approach, the top speed is a peak-traffic appropriate 100 km/h.



Denza

Headquarters: Shenzhen **Founded:** 2010 **SA line-up:** TBC **Dealerships:** TBC



In May 2010, Denza was established through a joint venture between BYD and Daimler AG (now Mercedes-Benz Group). However, a 2021 restructuring saw BYD take 90% in the venture, followed by complete control in 2024. While Denza has been sold exclusively in China for most of its existence, 2024 also saw it venturing outside mainland China to Hong Kong – a right-hand-drive market versus the mainland’s LHD. BYD will soon launch this sub-brand in parts of Europe, further fuelling speculation that an SA debut may be in the cards. Denza’s current portfolio comprises an MPV, SUVs and Z9 sedan and Z9 GT estate. The vehicles are available as either an EV or a PHEV.

Dongfeng

Headquarters: Wuhan Founded: 1969
SA line-up: TBC Dealerships: 4

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BOX



Dongfeng announced its arrival to SA's passenger-car market in December 2024, with the automaker confirming it will launch several models throughout this year. Kickstarting proceedings is the Box, a compact EV that serves as its entry point to the passenger-car market. This small city car is powered by a 42.3 kWh lithium-ion phosphate battery pack, providing a theoretical driving range of about 430 km. The top speed is a claimed 140 km/h. Other models that could potentially hit the market in 2025 include the 007 premium EV sedan and 008 six-seater SUV.

Foton

Headquarters: Changping Founded: 1996 SA line-up: 8 models Dealerships: 47 Cheapest vehicle: Tunland G7 (from R319 900) Most expensive vehicle: eAumark Chassis Cab (R1 199 900)

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TUNLAND G7



Another Chinese brand that is relatively familiar to South Africans, Foton offers a range of vehicles, including bakkies, buses and trucks, powered by either diesel engines or electric motors. The Tunland G7 bakkie was introduced to the local market in 2024, with the range comprising both double and single cabs. Power is supplied by a 2.0-litre turbodiesel engine, with every derivative benefiting from the full supply of 120 kW and 390 N.m. The entry-level rear-wheel-drive TL single- and double-cab models are equipped with a 6-speed manual gearbox, while the TL double cab, along with the rest of the line-up, boasts an 8-speed automatic transmission.

GAC Motor

Headquarters: Guangzhou Founded: 2008 SA line-up: 2 models Dealerships: 21 Cheapest vehicle: GS3 Emzoom (from R419 900) Most expensive vehicle: Emkoo 1.5T Executive Plus (R559 900)

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GS3 EMZOOM



GAC (Guangzhou Automobile Group Motor Co.) entered South Africa in 2024, launching the GS3 Emzoom crossover-hatch and Emkoo SUV. Together with an unprecedented recent price reduction, GAC Motor South Africa also recently announced a lifetime engine warranty on its local product lineup. The all-electric Aion Y SUV is set to become the brand's third model. Locally, the Salvador Caetano Group handles vehicle distribution, spare parts and servicing. "We aim to not only meet, but exceed the expectations of local drivers by delivering reliable, well-engineered and forward-thinking mobility solutions", says Leslie Ramsoomar, MD of GAC Motor South Africa.

Geely

Headquarters: Hangzhou Founded: 1986
SA line-up: TBC Dealerships: TBC

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ZEEKR 001



Along with sub-brand Riddara, Geely has confirmed its return to South Africa by the end of 2025. The Chinese automotive giant, which also owns Volvo, Polestar, Lotus and Smart, was last seen here a decade ago. However, with changing market conditions and locals now warming to Chinese brands, Geely will again operate as a stand-alone name. Geely's product line-up is still unclear, but it may include the fully electric EX5 and Atlas (NEV). A particular point of interest is Geely's pure-electric sub-brand Zeekr. This EV brand has been around since October 2021 but its premium position and accompanying price may mean an unlikely release in SA. Still, stranger things have happened...

GWM

Headquarters: Baoding Founded: 1984 SA line-up: 4 models Dealerships: 106 Cheapest vehicle: Steed 5 (from R305 950) Most expensive vehicle: P500 2.0T HEV Ultra Luxury 4WD (R999 900)

P500 HEV



GWM (Great Wall Motor) Group is the longest-serving Chinese brand in SA, having begun operations in 2007. Over time, it realigned its local portfolio from fairly utilitarian offerings to a more refined assortment of vehicles. The first inkling the automaker had stepped up its game came in 2020 with the introduction of the P-Series – a bakkie kitted with features normally associated with luxury SUVs – that effectively replaced the Steed 6. The Steed 5 is a solid workhorse that soldiers on to this day. In 2024, the P500 double cab joined the fray with a 2.4-litre turbodiesel engine (135 kW and 480 N.m) and a hybridised petrol. It also introduced a raft of technical innovations never before seen locally on a bakkie. The P300, with its 2.4-litre turbodiesel engine (tested April 2025), is the latest addition to GWM's SA portfolio.

Haval

Headquarters: Baoding Founded: 2013 SA line-up: 5 models Dealerships: see GWM Cheapest vehicle: Jolion (from R345 950) Most expensive vehicle: H7 1.5T hev Super Luxury (R730 950)

H7



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Established in 2013 as a stand-alone GWM sub-brand, Haval specialises in SUVs and crossovers. Having entered South Africa in 2017 with the H2 – albeit with varying degrees of success – the Jolion's arrival in 2021 was a massive turning point for the brand. It was one of the first Chinese vehicles to offer an array of technologies, including active and passive safety features, at a significantly lower price point, opening the door for tech-laden Chinese vehicles. In its eight years here, Haval has fine-tuned its portfolio to cater to the local market's needs. The 2025 SUV line-up comprises the Jolion Pro, H6 and H6 GT, with the rugged-looking H7 the most recent addition. The latter is powered by two turbocharged petrol engines (2.0-litre and 1.5-litre), with the smaller of the two reserved for the hybrid derivative scheduled for launch in the second quarter of this year.

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EMZOOM R-STYLE



JAC Motors | Headquarters: Hefei Founded: 1964 SA line-up: 6 models Dealerships: 70 Cheapest vehicle: T6 (from R359 900) Most expensive vehicle: T9 2.0 CTI double cab 4WD Super Lux (R659 900)

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T9 PHEV



JAC Motors was officially launched in South Africa in 2017 and has gradually increased its footprint across the country. Today, the Chinese automaker boasts 70 dealerships nationwide and doubled the size of its parts warehouse in 2024. While the model-count is six (nine, if you include the trucks), only the T6, T8 and T9 bakkies will find favour with the broader public, whereas the X200 single cab, X200 double cab and X200 EV classify as small commercial trucks. At the time of writing, the T9 2.0 TGDI PHEV is scheduled for launch in Q2 2025. This model features a 2.0-litre turbopetrol engine supplemented by front- and rear-mounted electric motors to produce 290 kW and 670 N.m

Jaecoo | Headquarters: Wuhu Founded: 2023 SA line-up: 1 model Dealerships: 47 Cheapest model: J7 (from R549 900) Most expensive model: J7 1.6T Inferno AWD (R679 900)

J7

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Jaecoo is another Chery sub-brand; however, the brand's philosophy is enshrined in adventure ... according to Jaecoo, at least. The line-up currently comprises the three-derivative J7 range, with plans to introduce more models this year. 2024 should have seen the introduction of a J7 PHEV (plug-in hybrid) and the flagship J8 but, for the moment, talks have gone quiet. The Chinese automaker confirmed, though, the J5 compact crossover will arrive on local shores this year, along with the promised J8, the all-electric J6 and an expansion on the J7 range. Jaecoo says its J6 is capable of undertaking "light" off-road work.

Jetour | Headquarters: Wuhu Founded: 2018 SA line-up: 2 models Dealerships: 46 Cheapest vehicle: Dashing (from R439 900) Most expensive vehicle: X70 Plus 1.5T (R484 900)

DASHING

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Arriving in the second half of 2024, Jetour is a sub-brand of Chery, operating as a stand-alone entity in South Africa. Despite its Chery roots, as far as possible it operates independently, be it in R&D, vehicle production or sales. This same approach is applied here, where Jetour is adamant to affirm its independence. Locally, it offers two models: the Dashing and X70 Plus, with the latter offering seating for up to seven passengers. A 1.5-litre turbopetrol engine powers the portfolio, sending 115 kW and 230 N.m to the front wheels via its 6-speed automated dual-clutch transmission.



LDV

Headquarters: Shanghai **Founded:** 1993 **SA line-up:** 1 model **Dealerships:** 13 **Cheapest vehicle:** T60 (from R480 000) **Most expensive vehicle:** T60 2.0D Bi-Turbo Double Cab Max Luxe 4x4 auto (R790 000)

The name Leyland DAF Vans (formerly Leyland DAF Vehicles) was introduced in 1993 after a successful buyout, followed by a rebrand to LDV in 1994. SAIC's 2010 acquisition was a much-needed reset for the struggling automaker as its fortunes were, fortunately, turned around. In South Africa, LDV is operating relatively under the radar, with only the T60 bakkie in its portfolio. This model is powered by a 2.0-litre turbodiesel engine, with the highest output coming in at 160 kW and 500 N.m. Though the D90 seven-seater SUV and G90 MPV are earmarked for SA, there is no confirmation (yet) on local availability.



T60

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Leapmotor

Headquarters: Hangzhou **Founded:** 2015
SA line-up: TBC **Dealerships:** TBC

C10



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Leapmotor is slated to begin its South African operations in September 2025. Interestingly, it was Stellantis that announced the brand's impending arrival, given its 21% stake in the Chinese automaker. Owing to its exclusive rights to manufacture, sell and export Leapmotor products outside of China, it is safe to assume this brand will join the likes of Fiat, Jeep, Opel and Peugeot, operating under the Stellantis umbrella.

The D-segment C10 EV will commence proceedings, offering 160 kW and 320 N.m through a single electric motor mounted on the rear axle. At least four new models will join Leapmotor's international portfolio between now and 2027, including B- and C-segment hatchbacks and SUVs.

LEPAS

Headquarters: Wuhu China **Founded:** 2025
SA line-up: L8, L6 and L4 SUVs **Dealerships:** TBC

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“The introduction of Lepas, and its first model, the L8 luxury SUV, adds a dynamic new layer to Chery's growing portfolio, combining refined design and premium innovation to meet the expectations of a new generation of consumers.”

— Verene Petersen, national marketing manager, Chery South Africa.

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Maxus

Headquarters: Shanghai **Founded:** 2010 **SA line-up:** 3 models **Dealerships:** 1 **Cheapest model:** eDeliver 3 (from R919 994) **Most expensive model:** T90 EV (R1 100 000)

Maxus came into being after SAIC Motor (formerly known as Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation) acquired LDV (Leyland DAF Vans) in 2010; Maxus was the result of the buyout. The SAIC sub-brand was then introduced in SA in 2013, with the imported vehicles’ distribution and sales handled by Mandarin Motors. Today, Maxus’ SA portfolio consists of the eDeliver 3 panel van and single-cab bakkie (though it is technically a small truck) and the T90 EV bakkie. The latter is an all-electric alternative to the Toyota Hilux and Ford Ranger, sending 150 kW and 310 N.m to the rear wheels through an 88.5 kWh battery.



MG

Headquarters: Shanghai **Founded:** 1924 **SA line-up:** 3 models **Dealerships:** 27 **Cheapest model:** ZS (from R289 900) **Most expensive model:** Cyberster Dual Motor (R1 399 900)

MG (Morris Garages) operated in South Africa before its current spell, with the last re-entry occurring in 2011, followed by a 2016 exit. Now, with the influx of Chinese vehicles to SA, SAIC Motor Corporation (it acquired Nanjing Automotive Corporation (NAC) in 2007, which, in turn, bought MG in 2005) recognised the opportunity to reintroduce the British marque to our market. This year’s return saw the introduction of new, crossover/SUVs such as the budget-friendly ZS crossover and the HS SUV. The Cyberster, an all-electric roadster, headlines the portfolio, sprinting from 0–100 km/h in a claimed 3.2 seconds, thanks to twin electric motors sending 375 kW and 725 N.m to all four wheels. The lithium-ion battery pack has a 77 kWh capacity and offers a claimed driving range of around 443 km on a single charge. Although future models are currently under wraps, it is speculated the MG3 and MG4 EV hatchbacks could come our way.



Omoda

Headquarters: Wuhu **Founded:** 2022 **SA line-up:** 2 models **Dealerships:** 46 **Cheapest vehicle:** C5 (from R329 900) **Most expensive vehicle:** C9 2.0 TGDl 400T Explore AWD (R885 900)



As part of its renewed dedication to South Africa, Chery launched its sub-brand Omoda locally in 2023, almost a year after it was founded. The brand is positioned as a more upmarket alternative to the parent company’s offerings, much as Lexus is to Toyota. Ours was the first African country to welcome Omoda, beating the European market to the punch. The Omoda portfolio consists of the C5 and C9 SUVs; the former employing a 1.5-litre turbopetrol engine and the latter a 2.0-litre turbopetrol unit. Automatic transmissions are fitted throughout, and only the headlining C9 offers all-wheel drive.

Ora

Headquarters: Baoding **Founded:** 2018 **SA line-up:** 1 model **Dealerships:** see GWM **Cheapest model:** Ora 03 (from R686 950) **Most expensive model:** Ora 03 400 GT Ultra Luxury (R835 950)



A major step in GWM’s SA tenure came in late 2023, when it introduced the Ora electric range. The sub-brand came into existence as the Chinese conglomerate expanded its vehicle offering, with Ora a dedicated new-energy vehicle platform. Dubbed the Ora Good Cat or Funky Cat in other markets, at the time, the Ora 03 was the most affordable EV in the country. A 48 kWh lithium-ion phosphate battery powers the entry-level model, while the 400 Super Luxury, 400 Ultra Luxury and 400 GT Ultra Luxury employ a 63 kWh nickel-manganese cobalt battery. The EV has an operating range of up to 420 km.

Riddara

Headquarters: Hangzhou **Founded:** 2022 **SA line-up:** 1 model **Dealerships:** TBC **Cheapest model:** TBC **Most expensive model:** TBC

Announced in April 2025 as the next Chinese brand to enter SA, Riddara aims to make a statement with its all-electric RD6 bakkie. Radar Auto – the parent company with strong affiliations to Geely, which, in turn, manufactures the RD6 – offers the bakkie in both 4x2 and 4x4 drivetrains, with power supplied by a 73 kWh battery. The range is slated at up to 424 km on a single charge. The 4x4 model’s dual-motor setup produces 315 kW and 595 N.m, with the 0–100 km/h run dispatched in a claimed 4.5 seconds. Enviro Automotive, the local distributor, could not disclose pricing at the time of writing.



Tank

Headquarters: Baoding **Founded:** 2020 **SA line-up:** 2 models **Dealerships:** see GWM **Cheapest model:** Tank 300 (from R699 900) **Most expensive model:** Tank 500 2.0T HEV Ultra Luxury 4WD (R1 222 900)

Tank launched in South Africa in early 2024 and made a considerable impression among those who would normally favour the Toyota Fortuner and Isuzu mu-X as their preferred off-road SUVs. The Tank 300 led the charge for this GWM sub-brand and came equipped with a 2.0-litre turbopetrol engine and a headlining HEV (hybrid EV) model. In the second half of 2024, the range expanded with the bigger Tank 500, available exclusively with the hybrid powertrain. The powertrain produces 255 kW and 648 N.m, hauling the 2 605 kg SUV from 0–100 m/h in a claimed 8.3 seconds. The bigger of the two Tanks offers seating for seven, with the third row’s passengers benefiting from roof-mounted aircon vents. While there is no word on what is next for GWM’s Tank, the 300 enjoyed the addition of a 2.4-litre turbodiesel at the start of 2025 – the same engine found in the P300 – which we test on page 68.



MILE HIGH CLUB



By: Alex Shahini | Photos: Supplied

Set in the Western Cape, the annual Cape 1000 is fast becoming a go-to event on the international motoring calendar. We borrowed an appropriate set of wheels and tagged along on this year's instalment

“Welcome to the thousand” were the first words my navigator, Sam, and I heard upon entering the parking lot of the Cape Town Hotel School Restaurant. The registration point for the annual Cape 1000 rally, Sunday’s Show & Shine gathering represents one of the most spectacular collections of rare automotive machinery in South Africa. Although this Western Cape-based rally may still be in its infancy, it has grown in popularity and proudly claims to be “South Africa’s most beautiful drive’.

“My husband, Ross, started the Round Table Cannonball Run Africa in 2003, which brought about the establishment of the Super Car Lifestyle events company,” says Cape 1000 co-founder Vanessa Crichton. “He conceptualised the Concours South Africa and many supercar tours before he was involved in an accident in December 2014, which prompted me to join him in his passion for bringing like-minded car enthusiasts together.

“Having researched overseas regularity rallies like Italy’s famous Mille Miglia (Thousand Miles), and appreciating the spectacular scenery the Western Cape has to offer, we came up with the concept of Cape 1000. We had no idea it would explode like it has,” continues Crichton.

The inaugural Cape 1000 in 2022 saw 40 classic and exotic cars navigate a 1 000-mile (1 600 km) route, taking in some of the Western Cape’s finest roads, mountain passes

and destinations. The four-day event quickly drew the attention of excited onlookers and included several timed events in the interest of friendly competition.

Arriving at the Show & Shine registration point for the 2025 event in a pre-launch Mercedes-AMG CLE 53 and viewing the calibre of the 64 other cars present, it quickly became apparent the Cape 1000 is now one of the most pre-eminent events on the South African motoring calendar.



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01 A rare 1985 De Tomaso Pantera GTS. **02** Turn to page 44 for our driving impression of this Ferrari 12Cilindri. **03** The Cape 1000’s route tackles the lovely Clarence Drive, linking Gordon’s Bay with Rooi-Els.



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CLE 53 4MATIC+

Joining the CLE200 and CLE300 4Matic, each available in Coupé and Cabriolet form, the flagship CLE 53 4Matic+ ups the ante via suitably dynamic exterior upgrades compared with its siblings, as well as 330 kW/560 N.m application of AMG's turbocharged 3.0-litre inline six-cylinder engine. Torque is sent to all four wheels via a 9-speed AMG Speedshift TCT 9G transmission, and its maker claims a 0-100 km/h sprint time of just 4.2 seconds.



Divided into Classic (pre-1977), Modern Classic (1977–1996), Sports Car (1997 to current) and Specials, the 65 cars selected for the sold-out 2025 Cape 1000 included a 1959 Mercedes-Benz SL190, a 1968 Ford Mustang GT, a 1970 Ferrari Daytona, a 1971 Porsche 911 RS, a 1993 Lamborghini Diablo, a 1995 Ferrari 512TR Testarossa and a 2011 Mercedes-Benz SLS Gullwing. Our CLE 53 was joined by other current performance cars like the stunning Ferrari 12Cilindri and an Aston Martin DB12.

With the cumulative value of the gathered procession best left to the imagination, the appeal of carefully organised events like these

is that they allow owners an opportunity to enjoy their wares in a controlled environment while navigating sections of regularity driving (where the competitor is required to maintain a constant set speed, rather than an average speed) and abiding by all traffic laws.

An altogether less restrictive element of the Cape 1000 is access to Killarney International Raceway on the first day of proceedings. Here, owners are encouraged to have fun within the limits of their respective comfort zones. In one of the more surreal moments of my career to date, I rejoiced at the opportunity to follow the racing lines of

some of the most sought-after cars on the planet. An altogether easier task when the machinery is not your own – and as capable as a modern AMG package is – I later loosened the reins of the CLE 53 4Matic+ to record the fastest lap of the day. “I’d like to thank my sponsors...”.

Notes, smiles and camera footage compared, the second part of Day 1 led the convoy via the picturesque towns of Philadelphia, Stellenbosch and Somerset West to join the spectacular Clarence Drive linking Gordon’s Bay with Rooi-Els. As I’ve experienced on various CAR Performance

01 Old meets new as participants were granted access to Killarney International Raceway. **02** The tight and twisty Bainskloof Pass **03** Mercedes-Benz had a strong presence at this year’s event. **04** The Cape 1000 route concluded at the V&A Waterfront. **05** The route provided opportunities for spectator-viewing. **06** Unveiled in 2009, the Mercedes-Benz SLS paid homage to the 300SL Gullwing. **07** Sunshine and smiles greeted the convoy at the Franschhoek Motor Museum.



Shootout routes, it is only once you get to witness the sheer joy and wonderment of bystanders, young and old, at the sight of a convoy like this rumbling through the high streets of smaller towns that you realise how unifying the automotive world can be.

The route encompassed sections of fast, winding routes between the towns of Montagu, Ashton, Kleinstraat and Ceres, while the second day of the event was designed to test the agility of the cars; ambient temperatures in the Karoo exceeding 40 degrees added to the drama of proceedings. Fortunately, stops for photo opportunities and refreshments were forthcoming.

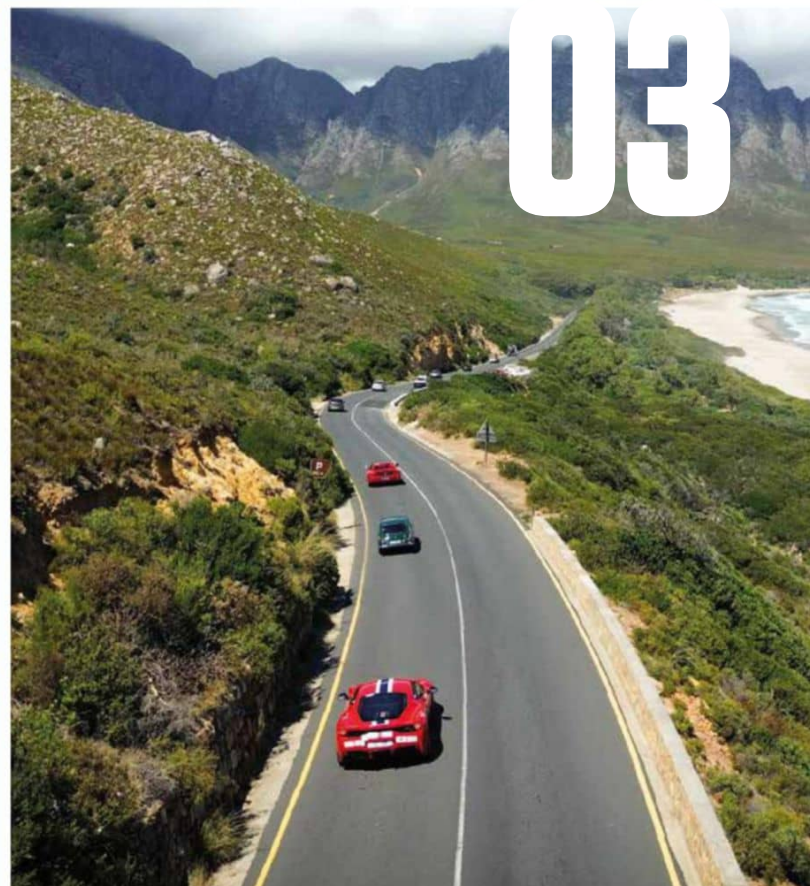
An integral part of the Cape 1000 is acknowledging the role of enthusiasts, including those who can only dream of one day being behind the wheel of such impressive machinery. With this in mind, organisers are quick to update those following the event and those who are keen



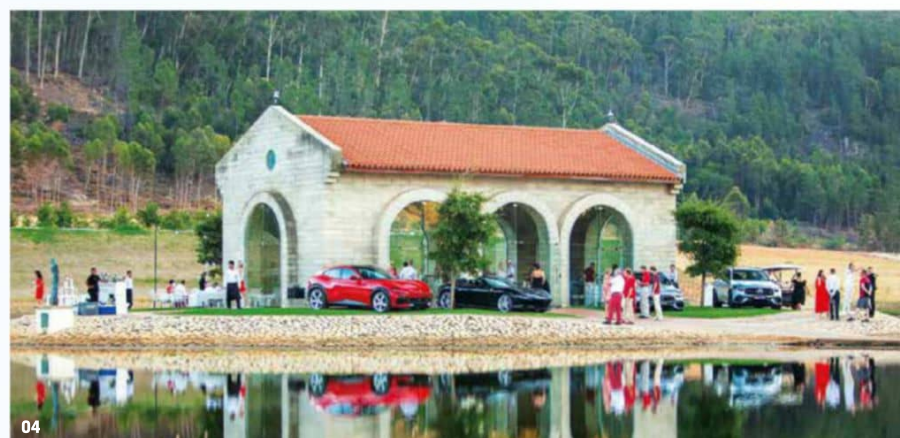
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01 Instead of targeting lap times, participants are encouraged to enjoy themselves at the track. **02** A beautiful Jaguar C-Type Continuation model. **03** The Cape 1000 route includes some of the most spectacular driving roads in the world. **04** The charity auction dinner was held at the beautiful La Roche Estate in Franschhoek.

to catch a glimpse of the convoy on its route and at the designated stop-overs.

Day 2 and 3 overnight stops in Franschhoek provided an opportunity for both public viewing and a charity auction dinner was held for the participants.

Breakfast plates cleared and coffee consumed, the third day of the Cape 1000 saw the convoy visit the towns of Worcester, Tulbagh and Wellington before returning to the familiarity of Franschhoek. Parking the Mercedes-Benz CLE alongside the likes of the 1969 280SL Pagoda and the 1972 350SL and SLS, I noted the subtle yet noteworthy odes to

these legendary two-door stablemates within the packaging of the new car.

As a reminder, the modern CLE badge was introduced as a means of combining the agility of the outgoing C-Class Coupé with the sophistication of the since-discontinued E-Class Coupé.

Ignoring the onboard navigation's suggested hour-long return trip to Cape Town, the final day of this year's Cape 1000 guided the convoy towards the West Coast town of Paternoster. This route incorporates welcome stretches of well-maintained country roads, where participants would once again need to

navigate sections of regularity driving in order to accumulate much-needed points late in the event. Crossing the finish line at the V&A Waterfront, it is fitting that the ending point of such a spectacular four-day driving route is also one of South Africa's most visited tourist attractions.

Indeed, while events such as the annual Targa Florio continue to enthrall with their combination of high-end cars and driving routes, with our climate, scenery, people and enthusiasm, it surely will not be too long before for the Cape 1000 begin rolling in from across the globe. **car**



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FERRARI 12CILINDRI

ETA: NOW

Ferrari's newest celebration of its V12 lineage blends old-school cool with staggering performance

By: Ian McLaren | Photos: Peet Mocke

WHERE WE DROVE IT

Cape Town, South Africa





*Claimed figures

Price: POA **Engine:** 6.5-litre, V12, petrol **Power:** 610 kW @ 9 250 r/min **Torque:** 678 N.m @ 7 250 r/min **Transmission:** 8-speed dual-clutch **0-100 km/h:** 2.9 seconds* **0-200 km/h:** <7.9 seconds * **Top speed:** >340 km/h **Rivals:** Aston Martin Vanquish; Bentley Continental GT

⚡ Striking styling; evolution of the naturally aspirated V12 engine 🏎 Styling an acquired taste

Enzo Ferrari famously said, “The 12-cylinder will always be the original Ferrari,” with everything emerging from the firm’s stable thereafter deriving from this magic number. The heartbeat of the Maranello brand since Gioacchino Colombo presented his vision for a 1.5-litre 60-degree V12 engine to Enzo Ferrari himself in 1946, the amount of note-worthy Rosso Corsa-coloured creations that have since been designed around a front-mid-mounted 12-cylinder engine reads like an automotive

honours list. Designed to pay homage to some of these legendary vehicles (including the 365 GTB/4 Daytona) and acknowledging how endangered this type of power-train technology is becoming, the replacement for the 812 Superfast is known simply as the 12Cilindri, or Dodici Cilindri, if you are keen to add a layer of theatre that only the Italian language can offer. Finished in Bianco Artico, which highlights the Daytona-inspired nose treatment, a walkaround of the 12Cilindri as it

was positioned for this photo-shoot initially presented some visually challenging angles. Bathed moments later in crisp early morning light, however, you can appreciate the purposeful yet unmistakably elegant stance of Ferrari’s latest grand tourer. Closer inspection reveals a far more subtle approach to this car’s aerodynamics compared to the nevertheless beautifully crafted intricacies of the Purosangue and 296 GTB’s designs. Activated only on the move, the outer panels of the 12Cilindri’s rear haunches lift

to offer improved braking and cornering stability. Seldom does a car brand encourage owners to glance below the bonnet of their multimillion Rand purchase, yet the action of raising the front-mounted clamshell hood on the 12Cilindri could surely be included in the curriculum of many art schools. If the sight of the testa rossa (redhead) engine cover installed behind the front axle is not spectacular enough, the decision to mould this engine bay around, rather than covering the front

01 Cabin incorporates a welcome combination of comfort and beautiful craftsmanship. **02** Ferrari claims a handy 270 litres worth of luggage space. **03** Standard carbon-ceramic front brake discs measure 398 mm. **04** The exposed tyre tread in the engine compartment is a tribute to Ferrari’s open-wheel racing success.

tyres as a reminder of this brand’s legacy in open-wheel racing is simply inspired.

With 275/35 ZR21 tyres up front and 315/35 ZR21 items at the rear, although our car was fitted with Michelin Pilot Sport S 5 footwear, this is also the first Ferrari since the F50 in 1995 available with bespoke Goodyear rubber.

Designed around an all-new aluminium chassis that offers 15% more torsional rigidity than before, the 12Cilindri’s 4 733 mm profile features a lower centre of gravity and a 20 mm shorter wheelbase compared to the 812. Together with an innovative rear-wheel steering setup that operates each wheel individually (thus artificially manipulating the wheelbase length), in real-world terms, this translates to a package that, from the driver’s seat, feels far nimbler and compact than its exterior dimensions suggest.

Yet, despite the welcome ability to place the nose via clear sight of the car’s tall wheel-arches, it’s clear from the outset the mandate of this vehicle is to deliver best-of-both-worlds usability ... precise when it needs to be but able to comfortably cover long distances. This has been achieved via relatively lightweight yet impressively accurate steering, the adoption of a brake-by-wire system that delivers a progressive and confidence-inspiring pedal feel, the standard inclusion of adaptive air suspension with a now-familiar ‘bumpy road’ setting and, of course, a naturally aspirated V12 powertrain.

A member of the brand’s F140 family of 65-degree 12-cylinder engines introduced with the Enzo, in its latest iteration, all the signs indicate Ferrari’s engineers spent lots of time establishing an ideal



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01 Excellent driving position helps the 12Cilindri feel more agile than its exterior dimensions suggest. **02** Transmission selector harks back to old-school metal manual shift pattern. **03** Manettino switch for shifting through driving modes. **04** Blackened nose pays homage to the 365 GTB/4 Daytona's perspex item.

balance between ensuring it met with emission regulations as well as delivering one of the most engaging driving experiences out there.

Inspired by the engine fitted to the 812 Competizione, to achieve

the kind of mass reduction that is required to deliver a 9 500 r/min redline, the F140 HD unit features new, 40% lighter titanium conrods, 2% lighter aluminium alloy pistons and a 3% lighter crank-shaft than before. In

addition, they also introduced a more compact intake manifold and lighter, sliding-finger type valve actuators.

Together with a more complex catalytic converter and particulate filter setups, although torque is down slightly compared to the 812, engineers have sought to make the V12 'experience' more engaging by making sure up to

80% of the 678 N.m of torque is available from just 2 500 r/min. A new variable valve timing setup and a patented Active Torque Shaping (ATS) system, which aims to remove "imperfections" on the engine's torque curve in third and fourth gears, combine in a concerted effort to direct more of the 12-cylinder powertrain's exhaust note into the cabin.

At the heart of the newfound levels of driver engagement unlocked by this 610 kW naturally aspirated V12 powertrain is the excellent workings of its 8-speed dual-clutch transmission. These are operated via gorgeous-to-the-touch paddles mounted to the steering column – and directed in this car by a series of F1-inspired steering wheel-mounted shift lights – and each shift, left or right, is met with a level of drama, whether it be the slight rev that announces each downshift, or the 'lash' of an upshift that is now 30% faster than in the 812.

While I love the look and feel of Ferrari's modern manettino switch for dialling between available driving modes, I hope the rumours this Italian brand will move away from the current haptic-type menu buttons are accurate. Regarding convenience, the 12Cilindri's cabin offers a



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decent number of storage options, and the workings of its 10.25-inch infotainment display does improve once a smartphone has been connected.

Throughout my drive, if the exhaust note remained slightly more muted than I anticipated, on reflection, I believe this complements the 12Cilindri's character. Complete with impressively comfortable seating

Subtle aero add-ons include a protruding rear diffuser and active flaps on the outside of the tailgate.

and usable luggage space, there is a level of sophistication woven into the fabric of this flagship Ferrari that may otherwise run the risk of being tainted by an over-emphasised soundtrack.

Boasting a claimed 0–100 km/h sprint time of just 2.9 seconds,

although the Dodici Cilindri has more than enough pace to carry the mantle of the likes of the 599 GTB, F12berlinetta and 812 Superfast, I did get the sense via this car's styling, ride refinement, soundtrack and its convincing dual personality that Ferrari looked to its older creations – the likes of the 250 GT and Daytona – for more than mere styling inspiration for its newest

celebration of the V12.

My last two drives of Maranello products – in the raised ride height Purosangue and hybrid-powered 296 GTB – were impressive for what the brand has achieved while monitoring automotive trends, but the Dodici Cilindri feels like a timely reminder of the engineering which made Ferrari so special to begin with. *car*

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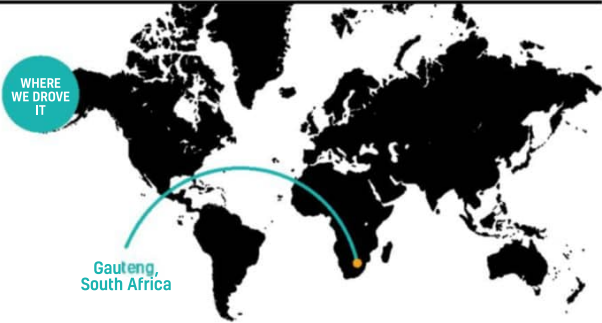


MINI ACEMAN SE ETA: NOW

Ace of hearts

With its sheer charm, the Aceman is an easy EV to fall in love with

By: Marius Boonzaier



*Claimed figures

Price: R892 000 **Powertrain:** single permanent magnet synchronous electric motor **Transmission:** single-speed automatic **Power:** 160 kW **Torque:** 330 N.m **0-100 km/h:** 7.1 seconds* **Top speed:** 170 km/h* **Energy consumption:** 14.1 kWh/100 km* **CO₂ emissions:** n/a **Rivals:** BYD Atto 3 Extended Range; GWM Ora 03 400 GT Ultra Luxury; Volvo EX30 Core Single Motor/EX30 Plus Single Motor Extended Range

⊕ Quirky exterior styling; interior design; fun to drive ⊖ Limited operating range; a few so-so interior trim bits

The Aceman is produced by Spotlight Automotive, a joint venture established by BMW Group and Great Wall Motor (GWM). Founded in 2018, the partnership between the German and Chinese companies sees the development of battery-electric Minis, bar the Leipzig-

manufactured Countryman, in China. However, following a £600 million invest-ment to revolutionise Mini’s Oxford-based assembly facility into a purely electric vehicle (EV) production plant from 2030, the Aceman will be built in the UK from 2026.

The final member of Mini’s

modern product portfolio, the Aceman is positioned between the Cooper and Countryman; essentially filling the gap left by the discontinued Clubman.

Based on Mini and GWM’s co-developed ‘Spotlight’ EV architecture, the newcomer measures 4 079 mm in length,

making it 221 mm longer than the Cooper Electric with which it shares a platform, and 365 mm shorter than the Countryman.

Locally, the Aceman is available in two flavours: E and SE, both of which employ a single, front-mounted electric motor that produces 135 kW/290 N.m and

160 kW/330 N.m, respectively. The 190 kW/350 N.m John Cooper Works variant available overseas remains unconfirmed for our market. According to Mini, the E and SE’s 42.5 and 54.2 kWh battery packs offer all-electric operating ranges of 300 km and 380 km, respectively.

The Aceman is arguably the most quirkily styled model in the Mini line-up. The compact crossover’s bodywork is an amalgamation of sculpted surfaces and angular design elements, and there are several items, such as the all-round black plastic cladding, which add to its SUV-like persona. The Aceman is especially eye-catching when dressed in Rebel Red and fitted with the striking alloy wheels seen here.

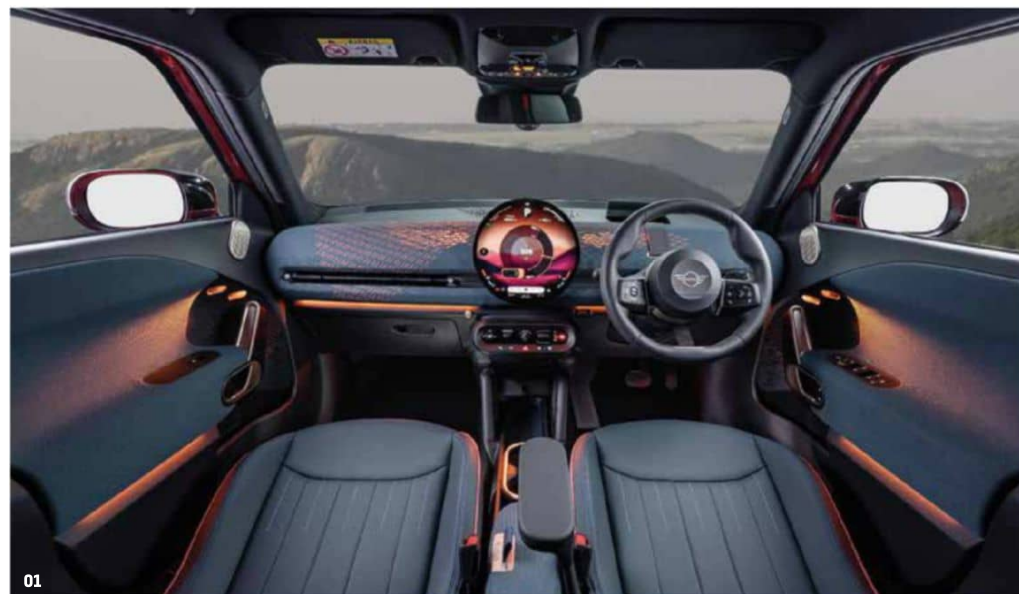
We have lauded Mini’s new interior design language for its pleasingly minimalistic, yet impressively detailed, styling, beautiful craftsmanship and solid construction. And the Aceman is no exception. However, though its cabin is largely similar to those of the Cooper and Countryman upon first glance, it features several unique design elements. The most notable is the bespoke decorative inlays on the textile fascia and redesigned front door



01 Central, 9.4-inch OLED display is crisp, feature-rich and intuitive. **02** Aceman’s interior ambience arguably unmatched by its EV rivals. **03** Favoured package includes this storage box for small valuables. **04** Redesigned front door panels and armrests unique to the Aceman. **05** Configurable lighting array includes signature Union Jack motif.

panels and armrests. Mini’s 9.4-inch ‘Interaction Unit’ infotainment system, which runs on the firm’s intuitive Operating System 9 software, remains a highlight of Mini’s latest offerings. The round display, which doubles as instrumentation and infotainment, is crisp and within easy reach of the driver. The feature-rich system includes wireless Apple CarPlay/Android Auto and satellite navigation, to name but a few features. Inductive smartphone charging and dual-zone climate control are also present. A neat addition, the ambient lighting array is incorporated into the panoramic sunroof’s surround. The Aceman SE, specified here with the ‘Favoured’ package (‘Classic’ and ‘John Cooper Works’ kits are also available), includes a head-up display (HUD) that relays essential driving information via a pop-up glass panel sited in front of the multifunction steering wheel. Although we have had our gripes with this type of HUD setup in the past and prefer the more contemporary windscreen-projected layout, it proved a boon as the fitment thereof does not necessitate





averting your eyes from the road to the central display.

Mini claims the cabin offers 1 003 mm headroom for front occupants and 958 mm for rear passengers, and 822 mm knee-room for the latter. Claimed boot capacity is a decent 300 litres, which expands to 1 005 litres when the rear backrests are folded down.

In addition to the Cooper's seven driving (or 'Experience' in Mini speak) programmes, the Aceman also features 'Trail'. By selecting this mode, compass and inclinometer readouts are

displayed on the OLED touch-screen. While Aceman owners will seldom veer on to roads where such information is really useful, it remains a novel inclusion in the leisure-oriented crossover package.

Although, a brief detour comprising a stretch of gravel road did reveal the Mini, while sporting a modest 143 mm ground clearance (a 19 mm increase over the Cooper Electric), is capable of

mild gravel driving. The all-round independent suspension arrangement is more pliant than that of its smaller siblings, resulting in a ride quality that is altogether more forgiving and comfortable. The manually adjustable driver's seat is also positioned slightly higher for a clearer view of the road ahead.

While it's good to know the Aceman is suited for traversing the occasional section of gravel on

a holiday getaway, it remains most at home in town and surrounds. As we have come to expect from a Mini, the steering is well balanced – pleasingly light when manoeuvring about town, becoming weightier when pushing on – and relays ample feedback to the driver's palms.

On the motorway, we toggled between 'Green' and 'Go-Kart' settings; the former tailors the Mini's drivetrain to improve energy consumption and extend its operating range, and the latter enhances overall dynamics. It's these two 'Experience' modes where the difference in driving characteristics is most noticeable.

Selecting Go-Kart, a playful 'woohoo' is relayed over the audio system. Now, while the front-wheel-drive crossover may not elicit such a response from you (that's more the proviso of the hatchback), it's nonetheless fun.

With its quirky exterior styling, wonderfully constructed cabin and entertaining driving characteristics, the Aceman is a charming crossover. It may not boast the power and performance of its Swedish rival, but it makes up for that with its unmatched character. And, as a Mini should, it will make you smile. **car**

01 Recycled textile materials and vegan leather abound in the cabin. **02** Roof rails and faux rear diffuser add to the Aceman's leisure-oriented crossover/SUV persona.



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Growing up among cars

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Just outside Cape Town, we visit a man who not only has an impressive classic-car collection, but has also furnished the building with all things relevant to his family's history, the motoring world and historical objects

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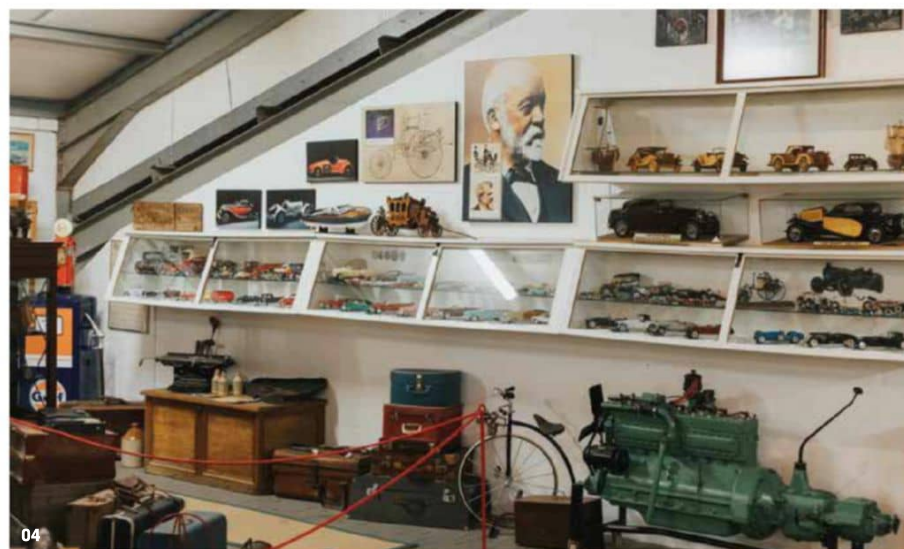
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01 The orange-spoked wheel of the 1932 Chrysler Tourer. **02** A classic Shell fuel pump from a few decades ago. **03** The cabin of a 1938 Buick Super with its sizeable three-spoke steering wheel and trio of dials **04** An impressive collection of memorabilia and model cars that have been assembled over time. **05** A sturdy roll-cage lines the cabin of the 1969 Peugeot 504 Coupé. **06** The eight-cylinder engine from a Hubmobile. **07** This colourful collection of cars spans several decades, from the 1982 Land Cruiser BJ42 and 1945 Peugeot 202 bakkie, to a Volkswagen Beetle from the sixties.



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Family, cars, history, memories and custodianship. These were just a few of the thoughts that went through my mind as I stepped into Albert Bester's barn. A common theme runs through the artefacts in the room. Apart from his ensemble of classics, Albert's passion for history and tradition is evident. And, like his cars, each artefact is kept safe and in meticulous condition so that it can be enjoyed by future generations.

Albert grew up among cars, with a father who, many decades ago, enjoyed the journey of finding an old car, repairing it and owning it. I took a stroll through the vehicles and walked along the walls. There are newspaper articles about the work his father did for the local town, keepsakes of the family and framed photos of several cars they have previously owned. There is a strong sense of family history and Albert was quick to point out the pictures with anecdotes or special

memories attached to them. Currently, more drawings and photos depicting various memories and events in the motoring world are being put up on the walls.

"My late father grew up in Hopefield and was one of six children. A Duesenberg drove through the town one day. My father would constantly ask his father if they could go to Langebaan to look at the car, as it was there for a period of time. Eventually, they went to investigate and I think that set the foundation

for my father's love of cars.

He wanted to work on cars and the first one he got in the 1940s needed a lot of work. He started working on that car himself. Following this experience, he started buying old bicycles from the people in town, fixed them up and sprayed them in different colours. He would later sell them. He also worked in a local shop for extra money and I still have the original cash register he used to work on in that shop.

"He joined a company as the assistant to

the mechanic and worked hard through the ranks until he became the managing director. At one stage, he started his own business and built that up. During these years, we owned a truck and would travel as far as Namibia in search of old cars. We even went as far as going to scrapyards in order to dig out cars that were half-buried.

"We finished rebuilding a number of cars for several years in a row. When my father passed away, we held an auction and had

to spend a lot of man-hours getting the hundreds of parts ready for the event. At the height of the collection, we had a few hundred cars."

Looking at all the vehicles, it's apparent how much searching and hard work went into building up such a massive variety over the years. Albert shared how they eventually sold a large part of the collection to another notable collector, who is also based in South Africa. However, that has not stopped him



01 Two-tone body colour and removable roof of the Ford Model A (Doctor's Coupé). **02** Rear details of the replica rally car based on the 1969 Peugeot 504 Coupé. **03** Neatly covered seats of the rare 1945 Peugeot 202 bakkie. **04** The straight six-cylinder from the 1933 Chrysler Tourer. **05** Albert Bester and his assistant have their hands full running and maintaining these cars. **06** The simplistic and stylish cabin of the 1933 Chrysler Tourer. **07** Even old wagons have a place in this fascinating collection. **08** The wheel of a 1972 Mercedes-Benz 280SE manual. **09** The large fenders, headlamp and grille of the 1932 Chrysler Tourer.

from being involved with his classic cars. “It is a hobby I enjoy, whether driving the cars or working on them – it is relaxing. “I’m busy with the full restoration of a Karmann Ghia with a specialist here on the farm. We are two years into the project now. That is what some people don’t understand, it takes a lot of time to restore these cars. In the end, when the job is done, it gives you quite a sense of satisfaction.” He admits specialists who know how to work on cars, and how to

restore them, are few and far between. One of the more recent additions along the museum’s walls are pictures from a Buick sales manual. “Back in those days, the pictures in the brochure were painted by an artist. I had it scanned and then printed. There is even a drawing of the car’s chassis. “A favourite of mine is the beautiful red 1932 Chrysler Tourer. The previous owner wanted to build a hot rod from it, so when we found the car, it was cut in two! People used to

tell my father he was mad to undertake such a project, but all those years ago, a specialist in Strand restored it.” Understandably, this Chrysler is among Albert’s top three cars. Most of the cars came from his father, while a few Peugeots belong to a fellow enthusiast. Another one of his preferred cars is a rare 1982 Toyota Land Cruiser BJ42 in an eye-catching blue. I pushed Albert to select his final favourite, and he stopped at a Buick. “My father

appreciated the Buicks, and I also have a strong interest in them. It is enjoyable to drive them, even though they were not the top cars of their time.” Another patricularly significant vehicle is a brown 1938 Buick. Albert quickly pointed out that it is completely original, including the paint from the factory. It has been part of the collection since the 1980s. “This is the type of car generals drove during World War II.” Other cars include a 1939 Buick sedan,

a manual Mercedes-Benz 280SE sedan, a Peugeot 202, the 1962 Volkswagen Beetle and a 1932 Chrysler, a 1955 Buick and even a 1930s Ford V8. I pressed Albert on which cars would be at the top of his list if he could add a few more to the assortment. He responded with: “A Mercedes-Benz SL Pagoda, a 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible, an original Ford Mustang and a Duesenberg, or something like an Auburn Boattail.”

It’s clear Albert is not only passionate about cars but also wants this building to be a place that captures the memories of his late father, boasting items from a forgotten era and somewhere for classic-car club members to visit and appreciate. Having spent some time here, I simply wanted to grab an old car book and make myself comfortable in the wing-back chair with a cup of tea or glass of wine ... so I think it’s fair to say that he has very much succeeded. **CAR**

Diesel do nicely

A welcome visual refresh meets proven mechanicals in the latest iteration of Isuzu's tough SUV



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Isuzu MU-X 3.0TD Onyx XT 4x4



Price: R1 026 800 0-100 km/h: 10.55 seconds Top speed: 180 km/h Power: 140 kW Torque: 450 N.m CAR fuel index: 10.92 L/100 km CO₂: 200 g/km



It's as tough and capable as ever, but the cosmetic updates finally give the MU-X the kerb presence it deserves
Gareth Dean



Feels reassuringly old-school and will likely outlast a succession of its owners
Ian McLaren

When it came to updating its MU-X, Isuzu was not about to tear up the playbook and go off on a tangent, so it's reassuring to see the marque has stuck to its guns with the latest iteration, introducing some appealing aesthetic touches that are sure to garner this tough but subtle SUV the attention it deserves. We climbed in behind the wheel of the new range-topping Onyx XL-spec model to see if this combination of proven mechanicals and new touches remains a recipe for success.

In terms of the visual updates, the most prominent change to the MU-X takes place up front, where the nose has been completely

reworked to incorporate a far larger grille that does away with the previous car's headlamp-cradling trim surround, new headlamps with revised DLR signatures and new foglamp housings in a redesigned bumper. Given that the pre-facelifted model looked somewhat demure compared to its rivals, we have to say the MU-X's new face lends it some welcome kerb presence.

In addition to revisions to the tailgate, which now incorporates a mid-level rear spoiler and bumpers, the rear now features a trim garnish that works with the new, more horizontally drawn taillamps to lend the car greater visual width.

Across the model range, there

are also new designs for the alloy wheels (18-inchers for the LS and LSE, and 20-inch gloss-black items for the Onyx XT). This range-topper also plays host to a raft of black-finished elements, including the roof rails, grille mesh and wing mirrors, as well as model-specific XT badging. Our test unit's Eiger Grey paintwork is also one of two new paint options, along with Biarritz Blue, offered as part of the update to the LS and LSE models. In addition to the abovementioned grey, new XT model-exclusive colours include Dolomite White, Onyx Black Mica and Mercury Silver.

Inside, the updates include a mild rework of the facia and seat panels, as well as a new nine-

inch touchscreen infotainment system with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity. This system also incorporates a reverse camera that, in the LSE and XT models, now features a 360-degree surround-view function, which is as handy for spotting off-road obstacles as it is for threading into tight urban parking bays. The binnacle houses an updated TFT information display spanning seven inches and retains analogue dials for the likes of fuel gauge and rev counter. Onyx XT specification ushers in some model-specific touches such as red ambient lighting in the door panels and dash, red stitching for the leather seats and piano black



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trim for the steering wheel. But more importantly, it includes four USB-C ports: two up front, two aft. In terms of packaging, the MU-X acquits itself well as a family-friendly vehicle. Although the third row of seating is strictly the preserve of kids and smaller folks, rear kneeroom stands at a respectable 660 mm. Loadspace-wise, travelling with a full seven-up means a modest 136 litres of stowing space is available behind the third row, expanding to a segment-respectable 560 litres with five seats in place and 1 512 litres with everything stowed flat. Furthering the MU-X's family-ferrying credentials are an impressive array of active safety and driver-assistance systems, including adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assist, front collision warning as well as blind-spot monitoring. Having driven several

01 Slight revisions to the facia and a new touchscreen infotainment system with a nine-inch screen are the most obvious changes to the MU-X's cabin. 02 The 3.0-litre four-cylinder turbodiesel is a bit on the vocal side, but it's torquey and feels unbreakable. 03 Simple dial and button controls for the AWD system and locking rear differential. 04 Third row of seats folds flat to free up 560 litres of boot space. 05 The 6-speed automatic transmission is smooth and supplemented by paddle shifters. 06 Seven-inch TFT information display in the instrument binnacle. 07 A far bolder face, courtesy of a more prominent grille and new headlamps; Onyx XT spec ushers in gloss-black grille inserts and metallic bumper garnishes.



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MATCH-UP		
Isuzu MU-X 3.0TD Onyx XT 4x4	Ford Everest 2.0 BiTurbo 4x4 XLT	Toyota Fortuner 2.8GD-6 4x4 GR Sport
The MU-X's combination of welcome cosmetic updates and proven, tough-as-teak mechanicals is an appealing recipe. It seems a little old-school and the diesel engine is noisy, but its comfy and highly unlikely to let you down.	Arguably a bit more car-like in its road manners, Ford's bakkie-based SUV is nonetheless capable and that biturbo diesel is brawny. It is quite a big car, which can make urban driving a little more demanding.	A similarly proven product, the Fortuner has an almost cult following in SA thanks to its all-round ability. It has the most power here, and the GR treatment tightens up the handling without rendering it uncomfortable.
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USED OPTION [<2 years]		
Mitsubishi Pajero Sport 2.4D Shogun 4x4 Undercutting the MU-X when new, you can also secure great deals on demo-mileage examples of Mitsubishi's similarly tough but traditional Pajero Sport. Shogun spec lends it some of the XT's visual cred.		

cars with ADAS features that are somewhat abrupt in their operation, it's good to see that in the MU-X, these systems, although alert, are not overly intrusive in their inputs and do not clumsily wrench the car out of the path of perceived hazards.

Mechanically, Isuzu has left things pretty much untouched, with power still provided by the venerable 4JJ3-TCX 3.0-litre turbodiesel, variants of which have been the backbone of its SUV and bakkie offerings for many years. Large-capacity four-cylinder engines are something of a rarity in the motoring sphere these days and, while the combination of common-rail direct injection and those large cylinders are never the best recipe for refinement, it is an arrangement that has proven durable and capable of serving up good mid-

to high-end power delivery. And let's face it, in the SUV/bakkie sphere, there are few things as distinctive and charming as the offbeat, old-school soundtrack of an Isuzu diesel at idle.

This engine's 140 kW and 450 N.m outputs may fall short of those developed by comparable 2.0- and 2.8-litre units from Ford and Toyota, but it's a unit that never seems stressed or strained. Sure, it may not be particularly quick out of the blocks, recording a reasonable 0-100 km/h time of 10.55 seconds in our test, but once that spot of low-end sluggishness abates, the MU-X is pleasingly long-legged above 80 km/h, with the rev needle barely tickling the 1 800 r/min mark at the national limit. The six-speed automatic transmission is smooth in its workings, if a little on the leisurely side when it comes to



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kicking down under a hard throttle, but the latter can be countered by using the steering wheel-mounted shift paddles. Our 100 km mixed-use fuel run saw the 3.0-litre return 10.12 L/100 km, which is not too far off Isuzu's claim and just a mite thirstier than its rivals.

When it comes to driving manners, the MU-X remains a well-balanced product. Driving the round town is not strictly the ideal milieu for ladder-frame vehicles but the Isuzu manages the urban run without feeling quite as bulky or cumbersome as

some of its rivals. While there is some of that typical body-on-chassis sway under faster cornering, the MU-X is assuringly planted at motorway speeds. The update has also seen the MU-X's suspension receiving a bit on an overhaul and it now incorporates larger-diameter shock absorbers. The CAR team noted the ride seems appreciably more settled than that of the outgoing car, which could sometimes become rather stuttery on rippled surfaces. However, once you into the countryside, the Isuzu is really in its element. On

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dirt roads, the steering’s slightly relaxed gearing and absorbent suspension make light work of decent paces on loose, corrugated surfaces. Venture into rougher terrain and the MU-X never misses a beat. With the diesel serving up its peak torque at a low 1 600 r/min and linked as it is to a throttle action that is easily modulated, negotiating more technical obstacles does not appear overly demanding. When it comes to the really rough stuff, twist the drive selector dial into 4L, lock the rear diff and the MU-X’s generous 235 mm ground clearance and good axle articulation allow it to clamber over rocks, dongas and the like with little drama.

TEST SUMMARY

Things are changing and moving so fast in the automotive sphere, it’s quite refreshing to have vehicles such as the MU-X that are rewriting the rulebook by simply sticking to what they have capably done for years. There is a hard-to-articulate pleasingness to the Isuzu’s relatively frill-free approach to motoring and its overall impression. It’s one of the few cars out there that, from new, manages to feel reassuringly run-in. For want of a better analogy, it is a bit like a pair of indestructible hiking boots, which someone has worn in for you. The styling updates lend it the presence in this segment that this otherwise capable SUV hasn’t previously enjoyed and, while the power-train is not at the bleeding edge of technology, we’d wager it will outlast most of the newer units on the market.

Pleasing as it is to look at, with the XT’s asking price broaching the million-rand mark, our suggestion is that the 4x4 automatic LS and LSE models – at R939 500 and R973 700 respectively, and which don’t deviate that much in terms of standard specification – are the models of choice. **car**

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ISUZU MU-X 3.0TD ONYX XT 4X4

Built in Thailand

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

Cylinders: four, inline, longitudinal

Fuel supply: electronic common-rail direct injection, turbocharged, intercooled, diesel

Bore/stroke: 95.4/104.9 mm

Cubic capacity: 2 999 cm³

Compression ratio: 16.3 to 1

Valvegear: DOHC, four valves per cylinder

ENGINE OUTPUT

Max power ISO: 140 kW

Power peak/Red line: 3 600/4 250 r/min

Max torque: 450 N.m

Torque peak: 1600 r/min

TRANSMISSION

Type: six-speed automatic

1st gear/2nd gear: 3.60/2.09 to 1

3rd gear/4th gear: 1.49/1.00 to 1

5th gear/Top gear: 0.69/0.58 to 1

Reverse gear: 3.73 to 1

Final drive: 3.73 to 1

Drive wheels: all

Driver aids: ESC (electronic stability control), hill start

BRAKES

Front: 300 mm ventilated discs

Rear: 295 mm drums

Hydraulics: ABS with EBA

WHEELS AND TYRES

Tyre make: Bridgestone Dueler HT

Tyre size: 265/50 R20

Spare - type and location: full-size alloy, under boot body

STEERING

Type: rack and pinion, hydraulic power assist

Lock to lock: 3.5 turns

Turning circle diameter: 11.4 m

SUSPENSION

Front: independent, double wishbone, coil springs, anti-roll bar

Rear: independent, multilink, coil springs

WARRANTY & SERVICE INTERVALS

5-year/120 000 km warranty

5-year/90 000 km service plan

Service every 15 000 km

Gross frontal area: 3.06 m²

Weight: 2 125 kg

Drag coefficient: n/a

Seating: 5

Headroom: 800/880 mm

Headroom/Kneeroom: 840/660 mm

Headroom/Kneeroom: 820/595 mm

136-560/1 512 L

1 820 mm

53%

30°

235 mm

2 855 mm

4 850 mm

47%

26°

890 mm

Width (excl. mirrors): 1 870 mm

Track front/rear: 1 570/1 560 mm

Tow rating (unbraked): 750 kg

POWER & TORQUE

ENGINE SPEED

PARTS PRICES* (Incl. VAT)

Left rear tyre: R9 789

Windscreen: R5 836.10

TEST RESULTS

Test conditions*: Ambient temp/barometric press: 22°C/1 018 hPa

Test car's odometer: 897 km

TOP SPEED

Manufacturer's figure: 180 km/h

60	80	100	120
56	76	96	115

Odometer error: 0.87% over

BRAKING TEST

Best/worst stop: 2.97/3.01

Average of 10 stops/rating: 2.98/good

Average stopping distance: 38.94 m

10 stops from 100 km/h measured in seconds.

FUEL CONSUMPTION

Fuel tank: 80 litres

Est. tank range (fuel index): 733 km

Taxable CO₂ rating: 200 g/km

Manufacturer's figure

9.10
L/100 km

CAR fuel index

10.92
L/100 km

Fuel route

10.12
L/100 km

ACCELERATION [sec]

0-60	0-80	0-100	0-120	0-140
4.15	6.81	10.55	15.01	21.88

OVERTAKING ACCELERATION [sec]

40-60	AT
60-80	1.92
80-100	2.86
100-120	3.83
120-140	5.01
	7.81

PERFORMANCE FACTORS

Power/mass: 66 W/kg

Power/litre: 47 kW/litre

Torque/litre: 150 N.m/litre

Engine speed (at true 120 km/h in top gear): 1 835 r/min

FEATURES CHECKLIST

Airbags: front/side/curtain/knee

Air-con: dual-zone climate

Audio system: radio/aux-in/USB/Bluetooth/voice control/Android Auto + Apple CarPlay

Cruise control: standard, adaptive

Sat-nav: no

Park assist: standard, incl. camera

Windows: all electric

Trip computer: standard

Driver seat adjust: electric, incl. height

Folding rear seat: 60:40 split

Upholstery: leather

Isfix anchorages: outer rear

Steering adjust: rake + reach

Steering audio controls: standard

Tyre sensors: standard

Wipers auto-on: standard

Headlamps auto-on: standard

Head-up display: no

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GWM Tank 300 2.4T Ultra Luxury 4WD

The closest GWM has come to competing against the adventure-SUV segment staples, the diesel Tank ticks almost all the right boxes

Price: R739 900 0-100 km/h: 11.32 seconds Top speed: 170 km/h Power: 135 kW Torque: 480 N.m CAR fuel index: 9.24 L/100 km CO₂: 202 g/km



The absence of a parcel shelf or privacy glass at the rear could be problematic
Ian McLaren



Tank 2.4T's throttle calibration needs work, but its fuel consumption is excellent
Kyle Kock

The rise of the Chinese offerings in South Africa over the last decade has seen several brands go from strength to strength, consistently bringing improved and updated products to our market. Great Wall Motor Company (GWM) has undoubtedly led the Chinese motoring product charge, and is

still going strong almost 18 years since its arrival here. From an initial product offering primarily comprising commercial vehicles – aside from the H5 SUV – the introduction of luxury subsidiary Haval had GWM at the forefront of the sort of trim and specification normally associated with premium European marques

but at two-thirds, and sometimes even half, the price. GWM's next salvo came in the form of the P-Series double cab three years ago, which had the segment's best leisure double cabs in its crosshairs. With a recent update to a larger and more powerful turbodiesel engine, the P-Series edges even closer to the

best in the segment. Which brings us to the retro-inspired Tank 300. Although its presence, tech-heavy cabin and refinement made it one of the darlings of our 2024 SUV Shootout, the hybrid model's thirst for unleaded fuel and tardy towing at freeway speeds left the team contemplating the potential

MATCH-UP



GWM Tank 300 2.4T Ultra Luxury 4WD

Every bit at tech-laden as the hybrid that starred in our July 2024 SUV Shootout, this turbodiesel model is arguably the pick of the bunch, especially with its marked improvement in fuel consumption.



Mahindra Scorpio-N 2.2D Z8L 4xPfor Adventure

The range-topping Scorpio-N is hard to ignore and manages to do what larger and more expensive rivals can at an impressively affordable price. Though not the most powerful, its 2.2-litre turbodiesel is the most frugal here.



Toyota Fortuner 2.4GD-6 4x4

It may be a bit long in the tooth but the Fortuner is as tough as nails and can easily double as a daily runabout. This base-spec unit looks a bit spartan compared to its rivals, but the 2.4 litre-turbodiesel is a good performer.

price: R739 900	price: R699 999	price: R739 100
cyl/capac: 4/2 370 cm³	cyl/capac: 4/2 179 cm³	cyl/capac: 4/2 393 cm³
power: 135 kW/3 600 r/min	power: 129 kW/3 500 r/min	power: 110 kW/3 400 r/min
torque: 480 N.m/1 500 r/min	torque: 400 N.m/1 750 r/min	torque: 400 N.m/1 600 r/min
gears/drive: 9/4	gears/drive: 6x2/2-4	gears/drive: 6x2/2-4
0-100 km/h: 11.32 sec	0-100 km/h: 11.69 sec	0-100 km/h: n/a
top speed: 170 km/h	top speed: 165 km/h	top speed: 170 km/h
fuel index: 9.24 L/100 km	fuel index: 8.64 L/100 km	fuel index: 9.10 L/100 km
luggage capac: 360/912 L	luggage capac: 64/384/784 L	luggage capac: 168/492/1 292 L
serv/maint plan: S7/75 000 km	serv/maint plan: S5/110 000 km	serv/maint plan: S6/90 000 km

USED OPTION [<2 years]

Ford Everest 2.0 BiTurbo 4x4 XLT A two-year-old version will see you in one of the very best models of its segment. It boasts all the bells and whistles of the Tank, in an attractive and eminently capable package.

of a diesel model. Thankfully, we need no longer ponder. Besides the new engine, the Tank 300 featured here is the top-tier, Ultra Luxury version. It differs from the Super Luxury model by way of an electrically activated front diff lock (to add to the standard rear item), 64-colour ambient lighting (seven in the Super Luxury), an uprated nine-speaker audio system by Infinity, a heated steering wheel and wireless smartphone charging. The front seats are also finished in Nappa leather upholstery and feature heating, ventilation and massaging functions. The driver's seat includes eight-way electrical adjustment, which allies with rake-and-reach steering column adjustment so finding a comfy driving position is a cinch. This generous specification contributes to a cabin that is just

a notch above the rest for overall comfort, with a variety of surfaces and finishes like quilted leather, brushed metal and switchgear that feels satisfyingly solid. The boot accommodated a respectable 360 litres worth of our foam ISO measuring blocks, expanding to 912 litres with the seats folded. A possible shortfall in the Tank's packaging is that many of its rivals include a third row of seats, a feature that often appeals to families with young kids. The only visual cues separating this model from its sibling are 18-inch multi-spoke wheels and an additional plate of underbody protection for a total tally of three. On the active safety front, this variant's specs include emergency lane-keep, door opening warning, rear collision warning, blind-spot detection, cross traffic alert and cross traffic braking.



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01 The Tank's cabin punches far above its asking price in terms of perceived quality and finish. 02 The fighter jet-inspired shifter is flanked by buttons for front and rear diff locks, parking brake functions and around-view parking camera settings. 03 Digital instrumentation displays valuable information for off-roading. 04 Central infotainment touchscreen mounted behind premium-looking HVAC vents. 05 Electronic four-wheel-drive toggle falls close to the driver. 06 The 2.4-litre turbodiesel should have been available in the Tank from the very start.



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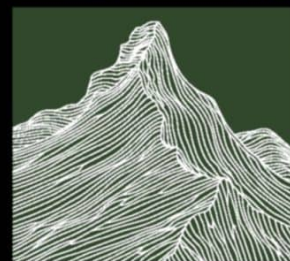


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The engine, carried over from the newest P300, is GWM's 2.4-litre, four-cylinder turbodiesel unit, internally codenamed GW42D4. With more torque offered lower down the rev range and more peak power at the same 3 600 r/min as the 2.0-litre that presently services the P-Series range, this was without a doubt the engine to put in the brand's adventure SUV.

It is an impressively refined unit, and the inclusion of double-glazed glass all-round as well as an insulated engine bay means that little in the way of diesel clatter permeates the cabin. Its ride is as comfortable as you would expect in a vehicle with a ladder-frame chassis, with a well-damped multilink rear setup and reasonable heft from its electric power steering assistance.

We are pleased to report that our previous concerns about the Tank's fuel consumption (that of the range-topping hybrid model) have been put to rest with the

inclusion of the new turbodiesel. We recorded a best average fuel consumption figure of 9.65 L/100 km and it consistently returned 9.8 L/100 km. This is decidedly better than the 12.7 L/100 km which the hybrid frequently registered during our Tankwa excursion.



Naturally, it's not the sprinter that the turbopetrol hybrid model we tested last year was. The 0–100 km/h sprint was dispatched in 11.32 seconds (versus the 8.80 seconds of the hybrid) and our overtaking acceleration from 80–120 km/h took 9.47 seconds. Even so, its performance still exceeds that of most of its peers in terms of outright acceleration.

Despite coming away generally pleased with the Tank's newfound fuel efficiency and all-round driveability, our test team did notice one chink in the powertrain's armour. Smooth urban driving is hampered by throttle pedal calibration that exhibits a noticeable delay from pull-away,

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during parking manoeuvres and at intersections. As throttle calibration is something that has attracted our ire from the majority of Chinese brands – frequently for being overzealous – this seems like a massive over-correction, particularly because this issue did not seem as apparent in the P300 which the team tested in our April 2025 issue.

TEST SUMMARY

Much like the team’s consensus around the fire during our post-drive discussions regarding the HEV Tank during the July 2024 SUV Shootout, the new turbo-diesel Tank impressed all of us with a remarkable combination of attractive design, inside and out (the craning of necks and stares from other motorists and passers-by attest to this), as well as respectable on-road manners and genuine off-road capability. The inclusion of a punchy turbodiesel engine has further cemented its appeal in a segment where vehicles must double as both vacation-capable and solid daily drivers.

Unfortunately, the delayed throttle was the biggest let-down despite a strong showing in all other measurable areas.

Given how impressive the rest of the package is, the unresponsive throttle calibration is a bit of a disappointment; however, if you can get past this small hurdle, the turbodiesel Tank may well be the smart (and budget-friendly) choice in this hotly contested segment.



Wraparound daytime-running lights are a striking touch to a purposeful front end.

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GWM TANK 300 2.4T
ULTRA LUXURY 4WD

Built in China

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

Cylinders: four, inline, longitudinal
Fuel supply: electronic direct fuel injection, turbocharged, intercooled, petrol
Bore/stroke: 86.0/102.0 mm
Cubic capacity: 2 370 cm³
Compression ratio: 16.0 to 1
Valvegear: DOHC, four valves per cylinder

ENGINE OUTPUT

Max power ISO: 135 kW
Power peak/Red line:
3 600/4 000 r/min
Max torque: 480 N.m
Torque peak: 1 500–2 500 r/min

TRANSMISSION

Type: nine-speed automatic
1st gear/2nd gear: 5.28/3.24 to 1
3rd gear/4th gear: 2.25/1.63 to 1
5th gear/6th gear: 1.21/1.00 to 1
7th gear/8th gear: 0.86/0.71 to 1
Top gear: 0.59 to 1
Reverse gear: 4.64 to 1
Final drive: 4.64 to 1
Drive wheels: all
Driver aids: ESC (electronic stability control), hill start

BRAKES

Front: ventilated discs
Rear: ventilated discs
Hydraulics: ABS with EBD and EBA

WHEELS AND TYRES

Tyre make: Cooper Discoverer ATT
Tyre size: 265/60 R18
Spare - type and location: full-size alloy, on tailgate

STEERING

Type: rack and pinion, electric power assist
Lock to lock: 3.4 turns
Turning circle diameter: 11.7 m

SUSPENSION

Front: independent, double wishbone, coil springs, anti-roll bar
Rear: independent, multilink, coil springs, anti-roll bar

WARRANTY & SERVICE INTERVALS

7-year/200 000 km warranty
7-year/75 000 km service plan
Service every 15 000 km

Gross frontal area: 3.31 m² Weight: 2 355 kg Drag coefficient: n/a Seating: 5

Headroom: 800/855 mm Headroom/Kneeroom: 860/640 mm

1 903 mm 360/912 L 890 mm

33° 224 mm 46% 34°

2 750 mm 4 760 mm

Width (excl. mirrors): 1 930 mm Track front/rear: 1 608/1 608 mm Tow rating (unbraked): 750 kg

POWER & TORQUE

ENGINE SPEED

PARTS PRICES*
(Incl. VAT)

Left rear tyre: R4 189.00 Windscreen: R6 633.30

TEST RESULTS

Test conditions*: Ambient temp/barometric press: 17 °C/1 006 hPa Test car's odometer: 317 km

TOP SPEED

Manufacturer's figure: 170 km/h

SPEEDO CALIBRATION (true speed)

60	80	100	120
57	76	96	115

Odometer error: 1.8% under

ACCELERATION (sec)

0-60	0-80	0-100	0-120	0-140
4.58	7.40	11.32	16.87	25.04

OVERTAKING ACCELERATION (sec)

	AT
40-60	2.25
60-80	2.82
80-100	3.92
100-120	5.55
120-140	8.17

BRAKING TEST

Best/worst stop: 3.47/3.72
Average of 10 stops/rating: 3.63/poor
Average stopping distance: 47.06 m
10 stops from 100 km/h measured in seconds.

FUEL CONSUMPTION

Fuel tank: 80 litres
Est. tank range (fuel index): 866 km
Taxable CO₂ rating: 202 g/km

Manufacturer's figure

CAR fuel index

Fuel route

PERFORMANCE FACTORS

Power/mass: 57 W/kg Power/litre: 57 kW/litre
Torque/litre: 203 N.m/litre Engine speed (at true 120 km/h in top gear): 2 316 r/min

FEATURES CHECKLIST

Airbags: front/side/curtain Air-con: dual-zone climate Audio system: radio/aux-in/USB/Bluetooth/Voice control/Android Auto + Apple CarPlay Cruise control: standard, adaptive Sat-nav: no Park assist: standard, incl. camera Windows: all-electric Trip computer: standard Driver seat adjust: electric, incl. height Folding rear seat: 60:40 split Upholstery: leather Isofix anchorages: outer rear Steering adjust: rake + reach Steering audio controls: standard Tyre sensors: standard Wipers auto-on: standard Headlamps auto-on: standard Head-up display: no

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Hyundai Alcazar 1.5 Executive diesel AT

Hyundai's popular seven-seat Grand Creta has gained fresh styling, a consolidated local model line-up and, indeed, a new name



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Price: R599 900 0-100 km/h: 12.54 seconds Top speed: 190 km/h Power: 85 kW Torque: 250 N.m CAR Fuel index: 7.80 L/100km CO₂: 148 g/km



If the standard specifications list isn't compelling enough, the option of a frugal turbodiesel engine should keep the Alcazar front-of-mind
Ian McLaren



Clever packaging solutions add appeal, including the ability to slide or tumble and fold the second row in a 60:40 split
Kyle Kock

Sharing underpinnings, design language and a broad specification sheet with its smaller Creta sibling, it seemed obvious at the time for an extended, seven-seater version of Hyundai's popular compact SUV to adopt the Grand Creta name in our market. Tested in our August 2022 issue, the then-new entry

impressed with its build quality, well-considered interior packaging and the relatively niche ability in this segment to accommodate six passengers. With the groundwork laid, an update to this package has introduced fresh exterior styling that aligns it closer with its forthcoming new Santa Fe sibling,

a consolidated local model line-up and the Alcazar nameplate used from the outset in the Indian market where it is produced. Slightly longer and wider than the outgoing Grand Creta, the Alcazar's arguably more European styling compared to its modern Creta relation lends Hyundai's compact people-mover a new-

found sense of presence. Available in two generously equipped specification grades, Executive and Elite, the entry point into the range gains 17-inch alloy wheels, full colour-coding, distinct chrome-look cladding on the lower grille, side sills and rear bumper, roof rails and LED lighting, including the brand's



01 Hyundai's 1.5-litre turbodiesel is impressively frugal. 02 A broad range of adjustments helps the driver adopt a comfortable seating position. 03 Second-row backrest has a 60:40 split fore and aft adjustment. 04 Touchscreen infotainment display is supplemented by physical buttons. 05 The 6-speed automatic transmission is a boon in this segment.

signature H-pattern DRLs and fashionable light bars, front and rear. A flagship Elite derivative ships with 18-inch alloys and a panoramic sunroof. As a vehicle aimed at young families, Hyundai deserves credit for how well thought-out the cabins are in both the outgoing Grand Creta and the Alcazar. In the latter, this means a generous amount of adjustment, such as on the seat and steering column for

the driver, a careful selection of soft-touch surfaces, myriad interior storage options and all the modern technology you could possibly want. This includes USB-A and USB-C ports (as well as ports for the third row), digital instrumentation and wireless smartphone charging with simultaneous screen mirroring to a crisp 8.0-inch infotainment display. If the size of this touchscreen reads small by



MATCH-UP		
Hyundai Alcazar 1.5 Executive diesel AT	Chery Tiggo 8 Pro 1.6TGD 290T Executive	Jetour X70 Plus 1.5T Deluxe
Hyundai puts its best foot forward in this relatively niche segment. The standard specification ticks all the right boxes, it's practically packaged, and the appeal of a refined and frugal turbodiesel engine is difficult to ignore.	One of the best Chinese-built products currently available, the appeal of the Tiggo 8 Pro remains its generous specification and, in this company, its generally roomier cabin. Fuel consumption is still a weak spot, though.	Head-turning looks and a compelling asking price, we felt the X70 Plus lacked a level of under-the-skin substance to make it a viable alternative to the Chery Tiggo 8 Pro. Lack of drivetrain refinement is disappointing.
price: R599 900	price: R609 900	price: R484 900
cyl/capac: 4/1 493 cm ³	cyl/capac: 4/1 598 cm ³	cyl/capac: 4/1 498 cm ³
power: 85 kW/4 000 r/min	power: 145 kW/5 500 r/min	power: 115 kW/5 500 r/min
torque: 250 N.m/1 500-2 750 r/min	torque: 290 N.m/1 750 r/min	torque: 230 N.m/1 750 r/min
gears/drive: 6/F	gears/drive: 7/F	gears/drive: 6/F
0-100 km/h: 12.54 sec	0-100 km/h: 8.90 sec est	0-100 km/h: 11.89 sec
top speed: 190 km/h	top speed: 190 km/h	top speed: 180 km/h
fuel index: 7.80 L/100 km	fuel index: 8.60 L/100 km	fuel index: 8.00 L/100 km
luggage capac: 104-384/1 072 L	luggage capac: 72/360/1 184 L	luggage capac: 56/292/952 L
serv/maint plan: S3/45 000 km	serv/maint plan: S5/60 000 km	serv/maint plan: S5/60 000 km
USED OPTION [<2 years]		

Hyundai Sante Fe For not much more than a new Alcazar, we found examples of this car's larger sibling, the excellent previous-generation, seven-seat Santa Fe.





modern standards, we would argue the inclusion of physical buttons and dials alongside it, including for volume control, compensates. Similarly, the manual controls for the Executive derivative's air-conditioning system, situated below this, offer a welcome back-to-basics functionality. Climate control is added to the Elite model.

Finished in artificial leather, we like that the 50:50-split third row folds flat into the luggage compartment when not required, and that the usability of this row is enhanced via a sliding function on the 60:40-split second-row bench and a one-touch fold and tumble

01 Alcazar introduces rugged-looking bumper cladding, front and rear ... 02 ... as well as Hyundai's signature H-pattern LED daytime-running lights. 03 Executive trim includes 17-inch alloy wheels. 04 Third row of seating features dedicated air-con vents and USB ports.

action – also in a 60:40-split – on this middle row of seating.

The only black mark against the Alcazar's packaging (carried over from the Grand Creta) is the omission of a rear parcel shelf. With no way to hide stored luggage from prying eyes, we would be negotiating with our Hyundai dealer to have the rear glass section of this vehicle tinted as dark as possible.

Based on a compact SUV, owners should expect relatively limited packaging space behind

the vehicle's third row of seating. Stowing these items unlocks a generous-for-its-segment 384 litres of load space.

While the Alcazar is also available locally with a naturally aspirated 2.0-litre petrol engine, Hyundai South Africa will rightly be making a big deal of the fact it has retained the brand's impressive 1.5-litre turbodiesel mill for our market. With a manual transmission no longer offered in the range, the real-world benefits of the 1 493 cm³ 'Smartstream'

diesel powertrain are its 250 N.m of torque, which is available from just 1 500 r/min, and what should be segment-leading average fuel consumption. Paired with an excellent 6-speed automatic transmission, we averaged 6.7 L/100 km on our mixed-use fuel route, good for a range of up to 641 km per tank.

Over and above the 200 mm ground clearance, another highlight of the Alcazar package is its well-considered default ride quality. Although it is unlikely many owners will engage hill-descent control or delve into the vehicle's traction menu to unlock snow, mud or sand driving modes,

our time spent behind the wheel revealed more than enough compliance and poise to tackle sections of gravel driving.

Likely far more relevant is the ease with which this Hyundai can manoeuvre in an urban environment, thanks to its lightweight electric power steering setup and its full bouquet of parking assistance systems.

Together with an upgrade to adaptive cruise control, Elite specification introduces a front parking camera and several advanced driving assistance systems, such as lane-keeping assistance, blind-spot warnings and driver fatigue monitoring.

TEST SUMMARY

A closer look at page 26 of the comprehensive list of Chinese brands either already in South Africa or which are planning to unveil their wares, reveals many products squarely aimed at the space the Korean brands have worked hard to occupy. While much of the appeal of these newcomers seems destined to remain focused on perceived value, a brand like Hyundai will contend its established offering extends beyond an initial asking price to boast a reputation for reliability and notable levels of after-sales service.

Still based on the modern Creta (look out for our July issue to read more on how this product fares against its competition), on exterior styling alone, the updates made to Hyundai's compact seven-seater seem to justify its graduation from being marketed as a derivative to earning itself a dedicated nameplate.

Fitted with the impressively refined and frugal turbodiesel engine and, together with a still-compelling standard specification list – and despite the adjustment of this vehicle's service plan from four years/60 000 km to three years/45 000 km – we would suggest the derivative tested here is the sweet spot of the Alcazar range.

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HYUNDAI ALCAZAR 1.5 EXECUTIVE DIESEL AT

Built in India

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

Cylinders: four, inline, transverse

Fuel supply: electronic common-rail direct injection, turbocharged, intercooled, diesel

Bore/stroke: 75.0/84.5 mm

Cubic capacity: 1 493 cm³

Compression ratio: 16.0 to 1

Valvegear: DOHC, four valves per cylinder

ENGINE OUTPUT

Max power ISO: 85 kW

Power peak/Red line: 4 000/4 300 r/min

Max torque: 250 N.m

Torque peak: 1 500–2 750 r/min

TRANSMISSION

Type: six-speed automatic

1st gear/2nd gear: 4.21/2.67 to 1

3rd gear/4th gear: 1.80/1.38 to 1

5th gear/Top gear: 1.00/0.77 to 1

Reverse gear: 3.38 to 1

Final drive: 3.15 to 1

Drive wheels: front

Driver aids: ESC (electronic stability control), hill start

BRAKES

Front: 300 mm ventilated discs

Rear: 284 mm solid discs

Hydraulics: ABS with EBD and EBA

WHEELS AND TYRES

Tyre make: Apollo Alnac

Tyre size: 215/60 R17

Spare – type and location: full-size steel, under boot board

STEERING

Type: rack and pinion, electric power assist

Lock to lock: 3.0 turns

Turning circle diameter: 11.2 m

SUSPENSION

Front: independent, MacPherson struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar

Rear: torsion beam, coil springs

WARRANTY & SERVICE INTERVALS

7-year/200 000 km warranty

3-year/45 000 km service plan

Service every 15 000 km

Gross frontal area: 2.71 m²

Weight: 1 455 kg

Drag coefficient: n/a

Seating: 7

Headroom: 880/945 mm

Headroom/Kneeroom: 910/650 mm

Headroom/Kneeroom: 770/450 mm

104–384/1 072 L

1 670 mm

1 950 mm

745 mm

200 mm

2 760 mm

4 500 mm

Width (excl. mirrors): 1 800 mm

Track front/rear: 1 596/1 564 mm

Tow rating (unbraked): 750 kg

POWER & TORQUE

ENGINE SPEED

PARTS PRICES* (Incl. VAT)

Left rear tyre: R2 399.00

Windscreen: R8 301.40

TEST RESULTS

Test conditions**: Ambient temp/barometric press: 18 °C/1 010 hPa

Test car's odometer: 384 km

TOP SPEED

Manufacturer's figure: 190 km/h

SPEEDO CALIBRATION (true speed)

60	80	100	120
57	77	97	117

Odometer error: 2.76% under

ACCELERATION (sec)

0-60	0-80	0-100	0-120	0-140
5.48	8.45	12.54	18.42	26.79

OVERTAKING ACCELERATION (sec)

40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	AT
					2.49
					2.97
					4.10
					5.88
					8.37

Power/mass: 58 W/kg

Power/litre: 57 kW/litre

Torque/litre: 167 N.m/litre

Engine speed (at true 120 km/h in top gear): 2 306 r/min

PERFORMANCE FACTORS

FEATURES CHECKLIST

Airbags: front/side/curtain

Air-con: manual

Audio system: radio/aux-in/USB/Bluetooth/voice control/Android Auto + Apple CarPlay

Cruise control: standard

Sat-nav: no

Park assist: standard, incl. camera

Windows: all-electric

Trip computer: standard

Driver seat adjust: manual, incl. height

Folding rear seat: 60:40 split

Upholstery: faux leather

Isofix anchorages: outer rear

Steering adjust: rake + reach

Steering audio controls: standard

Tyre sensors: no

Wipers auto-on: no

Headlamps auto-on: standard

Head-up display: no

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Prices as recommended by manufacturer

All tests conducted at sea level

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BMW X3 M50

Ballistic pace, balanced persona



Price: R1 545 477 0-100 km/h: 4.61 seconds Top speed: 250 km/h Power: 293 kW Torque: 580 N.m CAR fuel index: 9.84 L/100 km CO₂: 187 g/km



Effortlessly nails that hard-to-hit sweet spot between refinement and engagement
Gareth Dean



Perhaps a little too demure for my liking, but there's no denying the performance on tap
Ian McLaren

We've been saying it for some time now, but the margins separating BMW's M Performance and M models have become increasingly razor-thin, potentially raising questions regarding the relevance of divvying up the performance end of each. This may go some way to explaining why BMW presently has no plans to launch a G45 X3 M (never say never, though), instead placing the M50 at the head of the range. Having spent some time in its company, and recalling our experience with its most powerful predecessor, we

are beginning to understand why. In what is as much an exercise in fond nostalgia as it is a frame of reference, we looked back at our last outing with BMW's then-apex X3 – the M Competition – during the 2020 Performance Shootout. We were certainly taken with the BMW on that trip, where its ability to slingshot out of corners and thrill with the sledgehammer power delivery from its performance-tuned engine gained it plenty of plaudits from the CAR team. On paper, the 375 kW and 600 N.m outputs of the

Competition's performance-tuned 3.0-litre inline-six engine (in this case, the twin-turbo S58 that currently services Competition-spec M3 and M4s, among others) leave the M50's B58 single-turbo in the shade. Yet, while the M's straight-line grunt was remarkable, cracking 0-100 km/h in just 4.44 seconds, we can only surmise there may be some sort of witchcraft afoot in BMW's engineering division to squeeze that sort of performance out of the M50. Our testing saw the 'lesser' M hit 100 km/h from standstill in 4.61 seconds, and the quarter mile in

12.63 seconds; respective gaps just 0.17 and 0.10 seconds shy of the 82 kW-up Competition. There were some understandably confused reactions from the CAR test team when the M50's performance figures were mined from the V-Box telemetry system, because – for all its ballistic straight-line pace – the M50 ably conceals its muscle under very civilised guise. While there are some visual hints of this model's performance credentials; a deeper bumper with contrasting trim here and a badge there, the only real giveaways are a quartet

MATCH-UP		
BMW X3 M50 Another deeply impressive offering from M Performance. Just a hair's breadth in terms of performance, yet effortless and comfortable, too. A worthy inclusion to a diverse X3 range.	Mercedes-AMG GLC43 4Matic It may be two cylinders light in this company, but it is an absolute firecracker of an engine. Visually impactful and more performance-focused, but less balanced and looks expensive in this	Audi SQ5 TFSI quattro Black Edition Leaning perhaps a little more on the refined side of the spectrum, the apex Q5 is nonetheless pleasing to pilot and solidly built. An accomplished product, but it's beginning to feel its age now.
price: R1 545 477	price: R1 876 088	price: R1 541 000
cyl/capac: 6/2 998 cm³	cyl/capac: 4/1 991 cm³	cyl/capac: V6/2 995 cm³
power: 293 kW/5 200 r/min	power: 320 kW/6 750 r/min	power: 260 kW/5 400 r/min
torque: 580 N.m/1 900-4 800 r/min	torque: 500 N.m/5 000 r/min	torque: 500 N.m/1 370 r/min
gears/drive: 8/4	gears/drive: 9/4	gears/drive: 7/4
0-100 km/h: 4.61 sec	0-100 km/h: 4.80 sec est	0-100 km/h: 5.40 sec est
top speed: 250 km/h	top speed: 250 km/h	top speed: 250 km/h
fuel index: 9.84 L/100 km	fuel index: 12.40 L/100 km	fuel index: 11.00 L/100 km
luggage capac: 312/1 192 L	luggage capac: 344/744 L	luggage capac: 520/1 473 L
serv/maint plan: M5/100 000 km	serv/maint plan: M5/100 000 km	serv/maint plan: M5/100 000 km
USED OPTION [<2 years]		
Porsche Macan S Stretching a little beyond the M50's asking price will net you one of the most engaging V6 performance SUVs out there; and with future models favouring EV powertrains, it's appeal will likely grow.		

of purposeful-looking exhaust tips peeping out of the rear valance and our car's optional 21-inch rims. It's a similar story inside, where the sports seats are more form-hugging than love handle-squeezing, and the sporty M trim bits are subtly applied to a cabin that is just as well insulated from noise, solidly built (bar some scratchy door plastics) and practically proportioned as anything else in the X3 range.

But it's not merely the optics that can deceive. The way the AWD system effortlessly pastes all that performance onto the tarmac is remarkable. Whereas the Competition's ride quality erred on the lumpy side and tended to tug at its leash when provoked,

the M50 is altogether more balanced, lending a pleasing duality to its nature. Oddly, in terms of on-road refinement, it's probably the pick of the X3 litter. Even the softly spoken plug-in hybrid 30e is not quite as hushed as the M50 once its battery is drained and the four-cylinder chips in. At speed, the inline-six is a distant murmur, only treating you to a throaty snarl and hint of induction whistle when jabbing the throttle. BMW's M adaptive suspension is standard fitment on this model, and while such systems typically tend to become flummoxed by rippled road surfaces or big bumps, this setup proved impressively resolved; neatly treading the line between



01 Subtle M Performance touches have been applied to an already impressively stylish cabin. 02 The B58 engine serves up serious punch that propels the M50 to 100 km/h in 4.61 seconds. 03 Rear seating is spacious, with 620 mm of kneeroom. 04 & 05 Optional 21-inch M alloys and quad exhaust outlets are the telltale signs of the subtle car's performance credentials.

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TEST

poised and forgiving. The standard-fitment variable sports steering strikes a similarly impressive balance between settled and sporty, proving light but not numb at lower speeds, weighting up nicely when pressing on. Throw the M50 at a twisting road, and its fluid chassis and plentiful shove make it both entertaining and effortless to pilot. There is not a hint of nose-heaviness on tight turn-ins. It boasts plentiful grip allied with its communicative steering and chassis setup, and lateral movement is neatly reined in under abrupt directional changes. The engine’s power delivery is smooth and linear to the extent that it initially feels as though the M50 is not that fast. Even when utilising the ‘Boost’ function – accessed via the left shift paddle, which switches the drivetrain settings to full attack – there isn’t a sense of all hell is about to break loose. The engine note hardens as a couple of gears are dropped, the throttle becomes more alert – but barely hair-trigger – and you can effortlessly dip into the M50’s deep well of torque as you surge past slower traffic.

TEST SUMMARY

There will no doubt be those who are saddened by the prospect of the accomplished G45 X3 not spawning a full-fat M model, and while that development may change in due course, the diminishing gap between M and M Performance models such as this M50 could bring into question just whether such model divisions need to exist.

Sure, purists who enjoy being challenged (dare we say intimid-ated) by their cars may well not warm to the M50’s balanced persona, but they are likely in the minority now. This car’s ability to calm and entertain in equal measure, while all but reeling in M models, must be admired and only furthers the sense of accomplished diversity in the new X3 range.

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BMW X3 M50

Built in United States

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

Cylinders: six, inline, longitudinal
Fuel supply: electronic direct fuel injection, turbocharged, intercooled, petrol
Bore/stroke: 82.0/94.6 mm
Cubic capacity: 2 998 cm³
Compression ratio: 11.0 to 1
Valvegear: DOHC, four valves per cylinder

ENGINE OUTPUT

Max power ISO: 293 kW
Power peak/Red line: 5 200/6 250 r/min
Max torque: 580 N.m
Torque peak: 1 900-4 800 r/min

TRANSMISSION

Type: eight-speed automatic
1st gear/2nd gear: 5.25/3.36 to 1
3rd gear/4th gear: 2.17/1.72 to 1
5th gear/6th gear: 1.31/1.00 to 1
7th gear/Top gear: 0.82/0.64 to 1
Reverse gear: 3.71 to 1
Final drive: 3.38 to 1
Drive wheels: all
Driver aids: ESC (electronic stability control), hill start

BRAKES

Front: 348 mm ventilated discs
Rear: 343 mm ventilated discs
Hydraulics: ABS with EBD and EBA

WHEELS AND TYRES

Tyre make: Goodyear Eagle F1
Tyre size: (f) 255/40 R21,
(r) 285/35 R21
Spare - type and location: none, mobility kit

STEERING

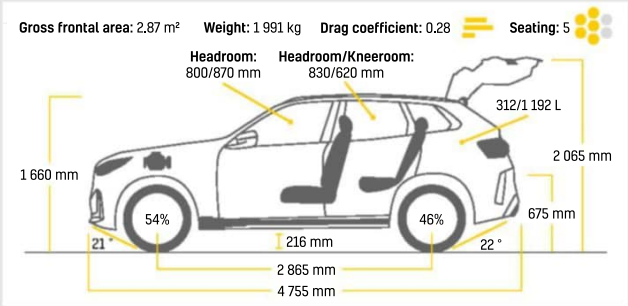
Type: rack and pinion, electric power assist
Lock to lock: 2.5 turns
Turning circle diameter: 12.2 m

SUSPENSION

Front: independent, MacPherson struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar
Rear: independent, multilink, coil springs, anti-roll bar

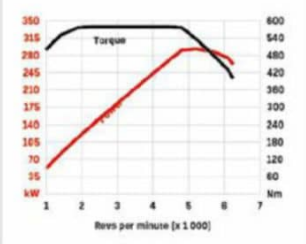
WARRANTY & SERVICE INTERVALS

2-year/unlimited km warranty
5-year/100 000 km maintenance plan
Services according to onboard computer

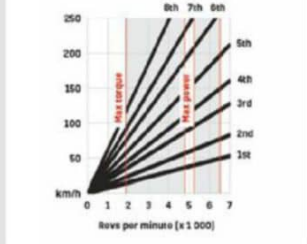


Width (excl. mirrors): 1 920 mm Track front/rear: 1 622/1 623 mm Tow rating (unbraked): 750 kg

POWER & TORQUE



ENGINE SPEED



PARTS PRICES*
(Incl. VAT)

Left rear tyre: R7 519.00 Windscreen: R14 307.09

TEST RESULTS

Test conditions**: Ambient temp/barometric press: 19 °C/1 011 hPa Test car's odometer: 3 892 km

TOP SPEED

Manufacturer's figure: 250 km/h

SPEEDO CALIBRATION (true speed)

60	80	100	120
57	77	96	116

Odometer error: 0.16% over

ACCELERATION (sec)

0-60	0-80	0-100	0-120	0-140
2.29	3.42	4.61	6.42	8.82

OVERTAKING ACCELERATION (sec)

40-60	AT
60-80	1.20
80-100	1.37
100-120	1.71
120-140	2.03

Power/mass: 147 W/kg Power/litre: 98 kW/litre
Torque/litre: 193 N.m/litre Engine speed (at true
120 km/h in top gear): 1 935 r/min

PERFORMANCE
FACTORS

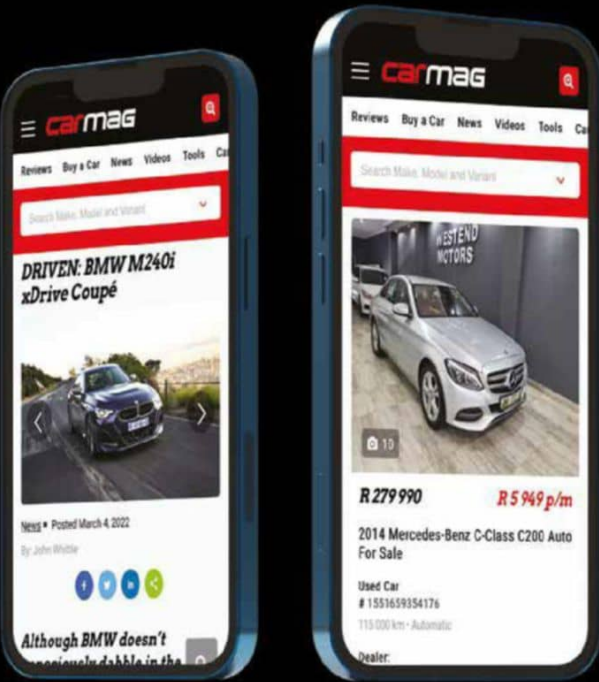
FEATURES
CHECKLIST

Airbags: front/side/curtain/knee **Air-con:** dual-zone climate **Audio system:** radio/aux-in/USB/Bluetooth/voice control/Android Auto + Apple CarPlay
Cruise control: standard, adaptive **Sat-nav:** standard **Park assist:** standard, incl. camera **Windows:** all-electric **Trip computer:** standard **Driver seat adjust:** electric, incl. height **Folding rear seat:** 60:40 split **Upholstery:** leather **Isfix anchorages:** outer rear **Steering adjust:** rake + reach **Steering audio controls:** standard **Tyre sensors:** standard **Wipers auto-on:** standard **Headlamps auto-on:** standard, incl. camera **Head-up display:** standard



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WRAP UP

KIA SONET 1.5 SX CVT

Won direction

Our stint with the updated Sonet showed considered changes can turn a good product into a great one

Driver: Gareth Dean

6 months	7 002 km	7.53 L/100 km
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+ Sharp new styling; impressive standard specification; pleasant road manners - CVT an acquired taste; occasionally intrusive active safety features

When the Sonet SX joined our test fleet in September last year, just a couple of months after the updated range was introduced to the market, Kia’s entry-level crossover was already on a strong wicket. Its combination of sharp styling, surprisingly practical packaging for a car of its compact dimensions, decent road manners and affordability had made it

a segment hit. So, understandably, Kia was never going to tamper too much with the fundamentals of such a successful formula; instead looking to add value and diversify a portfolio previously quite limited in its breadth. And while the halo SX model was perhaps not the best representative of the range from a value standpoint, our six months spent with it

helped us better understand just why the Sonet seems to have gone from strength to strength. The outgoing Sonet was, and remains, a good-looking crossover and, while Kia has not completely rewritten the script with the update, the new elements work an absolute treat. The front incorporates a more prominent take on the firm’s signature “Tiger

Nose’ grille, headlamp ‘teardrops’ that flow into the foglamps, and vertically stacked brakelamp arrays joined by a long light strip that stretches across a slightly redesigned tailgate. In addition to revised 16-inch alloy wheels, our test unit also sported the newly added Pewter Olive Green paint finish. Barring some minor trim updates – as well as an uprated

infotainment system with 10.25-inch screen and TFT instrumentation (the latter being specific to the SX and EX+ models) – the interior remains a solidly built and spacious affair. Its practicality was put to the test when we carted home a double-bed headboard. While this required some finesse to manoeuvre the 134 x 147 cm headboard, moving the front seats far forward, the 868-litre boot and its generous load aperture saved me some embarrassment at the furniture store’s loading depot. Although mechanically identical to its CVT-equipped brethren further down the range, the SX commands a R484 995 price tag that ushers in myriad extra features. These include LED-equipped headlamps, a larger complement of airbags (six versus two), alloy wheels, synthetic leather upholstery, climate control, cruise control, drive mode selector, and wireless phone-charging pad, to name a few. These are all welcome features that lend it a genuinely upmarket air, but they also make strange omissions such as a lack of one-touch operation for the driver’s side electric window stand out.

Perhaps the biggest development is the addition of Kia’s ADAS (advanced driver assistance systems) suite of active safety features including lane-keeping and -following assistant, and forward collision mitigation systems more commonly found in bigger cars. While such tech neatly aligns with the SX’s halo placement, it’s not perfect. The lane-keeping system is rather sensitive and tends to activate its alarm in response to minor deviations in course. When we strayed a little further out of our lane, it was met with abrupt corrective steering inputs that caught a couple of drivers in the team off guard. Thankfully, most of these functions can at least be partially overridden via the infotainment system. In terms of its road manners, little has changed in the updated car, and this is not a bad thing. The naturally aspirated 1.5-litre Smartstream inline-four petrol

engine’s 85 kW/144 N.m outputs do a decent job of propelling the Sonet, and the CVT is one of the better examples of its ilk, not rendering the powertrain too droney under hard acceleration. The high-sited driving position affords a good view of the surroundings, the ride is compliant, and the handling and body control are light-footed and predictable. During a spot of dirt-roading, the little Kia proved capable on rutted, stone-strewn tracks. The ESP system wicks off power unobtrusively when traction is compromised, and the ride is impressively absorbent. While the SX impressed in isolation, it must be said the range expansion – now standing at eight

models, from R299 995 to R484 995 – accompanying the Sonet’s update means there is better value further down the line-up. For example, the EX+ all but mirrors the SX in the standard specification department but does away with the sometimes-pernickety active safety systems, and is R30 000 cheaper. The combination of solid existing fundamentals, combined with greater model choice and eye-catching new looks really has bolstered the Sonet’s standing in the compact crossover field; values that rightly netted it segment honours in this year’s Top 12 Best Buys awards.



01 Cabin is solidly built and the updated 10.25-inch infotainment screen is crisp and feature-rich. 02 The Sonet is practically packaged with plenty of rear passenger and boot space. 03 Stacked brakelamp arrays and light bar part of the cosmetic updates. 04 TFT digital instrumentation changes its appearance in relation to the selected driving mode.



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COSTS

Running costs

R9 083.72

Cost per kilometre

R1.29

R484 900

Purchase price new

R484 995

Purchase price now

+ - R460 000

Second-hand value

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Fuel used

95-octane unleaded petrol

Top-up oil used

n/a

Best consumption

6.12 L/100 km

Worst consumption

8.97 L/100 km

Average consumption

7.53 L/100 km

PARTS PRICES (incl VAT)

Windscreen: R7 512.50

Rear tyre: R1 800



WRAP
UP

HAVAL JOLION PRO 1.5T ULTRA LUXURY

Anything but middling

The middle child of the Jolion Pro line-up majors in value and comfort

Driver: Alex Shahini

3 months	6 137 km	8.70 L/100 km
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+ Plenty of tech; comfortable ride **-** Turbo lag and poor throttle calibration

After having spent three months in the company of the R495 950 Jolion Pro 1.5T S Ultra Luxury, the move downwards to its less powerful sibling was one that had me both a little worried and rather intrigued. The S model’s 130 kW and its 270 N.m peak outputs make it one of the most powerful offerings in its segment; however, channelled as they are

through a powertrain with some shortcomings in terms of throttle modulation and turbo lag, it frequently required such performance to be eked out rather than easily enjoyed. So, it’s fair to say I did not have high hopes for the 1.5T Ultra Luxury, with its detuned version of the same engine. To recap, owing to Haval’s (and

its parent company GWM) tendency to stagger its product launches to favour its domestic market’s requirements, the stylistically updated Pro was introduced to Haval’s Chinese line-up at the end of 2021 as the Chitu, before joining the firm’s South African portfolio under the more familiar Jolion Pro moniker. Here, it replaces the mid-spec

Premium and Luxury models, while the Jolion soldiers on in entry-level City and City Plus specifications. At R462 950, the Ultra Luxury sits smack-bang in the middle of the Jolion field. This saving over the R495 950 S Ultra Luxury that had just departed our long-term fleet can be attested to significant output gaps of 25 kW and 60 N.m

between the two. Without the benefit of the S’ reworked engine components and upgraded turbocharger, this model’s 1.5-litre turbopetrol ’four develops an altogether more modest 105 kW and 210 N.m. These are still respectable figures within the segment, but they continue to be transferred to the road via a drivetrain that still exhibits some off-the-line hesitancy, making measured, leisurely progress the order of the day. Even so, a considered approach utilising the appropriate drive modes enabled the Jolion to comfortably stretch its legs on our festive season trip between

Johannesburg and KZN’s North Coast and achieve its best fuel con-sumption figure of 7.5 L/100 km. The plethora of standard advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), which includes forward and rear collision warning with automatic braking, lane-departure/keeping assist, traffic sign recognition and blind-spot monitoring helped reduce the strain of covering those considerable distances. Similarly, the likes of lane-keeping assist, adaptive cruise control and the driver fatigue monitor that reminded me to stretch my legs every few hours kept the odometer ticking over on the

notoriously monotonous stretches of the Free State motorway. The inclusion of a head-up display at this price point is unusual, but it also proved a boon for keeping my eyes on the road ahead. The overreactive and abrupt adaptive cruise control system did take some getting used to and required overtaking manoeuvres to be planned well in advance, though. Once at the coast, some light off-roading along sugar cane plantations exploited the capabilities of the front-wheel-drive SUV (including hill-descent control and a crisp 360-degree camera for tight sections), but its limitation was ultimately reached. The suspension managed well on the corrugated surfaces, which have seen record rainfall but some squeaks from the suspension and interior rattles developed shortly after. All things considered, with over 13 000 km on the odometer towards the end of the test period, its fuel consumption has settled at 8.7 L/100 km (8.1 L/100 km claimed) with the majority of driving on the open road. While this model’s driving characteristics has its ups and downs, there is no denying the value proposition on offer. Ultra Luxury specification wants for very little, with the likes of leather upholstery, heating and ventilation for the electrically adjustable driver’s seat, wireless phone charging pad, 360-degree



01 Cabin is little changed from that of the Jolion but remains well put-together and stylish. **02** Compliant suspension capably manages light off-roading. **03** The 18-inch rims form part of Ultra Luxury specification. **04** Physical controls are a welcome addition to the fascia.



camera array and dual-zone climate control, sunroof, and keyless entry and ignition among the niceties. Factor in a five-year/75 000 km service plan and seven-year/200 000 km warranty, and the Pro still represents a solid value proposition. Although the Jolion Pro doesn’t represent a sea change in terms of advancements over the models it replaces, it’s fair to say its combination of comfy (if not particularly alert) driving manners, distinctive styling and generous standard specification continue to make it worthy of consideration, even if the segment competition is hotting up.

COSTS

Running costs
R12 138.16

Cost per kilometre
R1.97

R462 950
Purchase price new

R462 950
Purchase price now

R409 990
Second-hand value

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Fuel used 95-octane unleaded petrol

Top-up oil used n/a

Best consumption

7.50 L/100 km

Worst consumption

11.30 L/100 km

Average consumption

8.70 L/100 km

PARTS PRICES (incl VAT)

Windscreen: R7 750.00

Rear tyre: R2 270.00



NEW
ARRIVAL

Audi Q8 45TDI Quattro Black Edition

It's not just the bold new colour scheme that's generating interest in the updated Audi Q8; this striking XL fastback is now the sole diesel offering in the firm's halo-SUV line-up

Driver: Gareth Dean

1 186 km	8.78 L/100 km
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Stunning looks, especially in new paint scheme; powerful yet frugal engine
- Limited oddment storage up front

If there was one phrase I did not plan on having to repeat seemingly ad infinitum this month, it would be: "It's called Sakhir Gold." The term frequently met with a dose of measured chin-scratching by those drawn to the eye-catching new colour doled out to the PI (Product Improvement – Audi parlance for updated) Q8 that has just joined our long-term test fleet. It's certainly a departure from the demure

silvers, greys and blacks that have previously made up the bulk of Audi's colour palettes and forms part of an array of visual changes introduced in this year's Q7 and Q8 models. Revisions include the single-frame grille and head-lamps, front and rear valances, massaged to emphasise the car's width (not to mention the rear items now sporting exhaust finishes that are genuine 'hot' items linked to the engine and

not just faux finishes). There is a greater variety of alloy wheel designs (our car rolls on a fetching set of 10-spoke, 22-inch items that form part of the Black Edition pack), which are the most obvious updates but there have also been some interesting developments on the range composition front. In accordance with observable sales trends, Audi's local arm has pared down the Q7 engine offerings to a petrol-only affair, comprising the V6 in the S5 TFSI and the SQ7's 4.0-litre V8. This has left the Q8 as the sole recipient of the wonderful 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel. While we are familiar with this unit, becoming reacquainted with it in a vessel as solid and effortlessly stylish as the Q8 has been an absolute pleasure. With 183 kW and 600 N.m on tap, it's a brawny yet refined performer that makes short work of propelling this 2 160 kg SUV. The bulk of this month's driving has seen the Q8 whisking along Cape Town's N2

and into the twisting roads of the southern peninsula, during which time it has returned a rather un-V6-like average fuel consumption of 8.78 L/100 km. Ensnconed in a beautifully crafted and well-insulated cabin – we're still working our way through all the features – so far, the only criticism we can level at the interior is a paucity of storage options up front; the capacity of the centre bin's is gobbled up by the wireless phone-charging pad and onboard Wi-Fi box worked into its lid, as well as its fairly modest door bins. Our test unit's fitment of an optional towbar has piqued the interest of the team's more outdoorsy members – especially given the potential towing capability presented by the diesel's plentiful low-end torque – so, we are toying with the idea of hitching a trailer or caravan to the Q8 to see how it acquits itself as a load-lugger. Let's see what gives...



UPDATE

MINI COOPER C HATCH 3-DOOR

A joy to spend time in, we take a closer look at the Mini's interior, which now houses a Garmin X110 dash cam

Driver: Marius Boonzaier

1 194 km	7.92 L/100 km
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Interior design, detailing and ergonomics; NVH suppression
- Lack of front storage compartments

Here's an interesting, if somewhat disconcerting, statistic: according to TomTom's 2024 Traffic Index, people living in South Africa's five major cities spend between 51 and 72 hours in rush hour traffic annually. That's nearly three days a year sitting in gridlock. Whether it's in town or on trips further afield, where time travelling to SA's myriad picturesque destinations is unlikely met with as much apprehension, we spend a great deal of time in our cars. So, understandably, while

the vehicle's exterior styling has significant influence on consumers' buying decisions, the interior is arguably more important. Mini's design department deserves praise for what it has accomplished with the marque's modern cabins. The Cooper C 3-Door long-termers that recently arrived at CAR's offices is no exception. The interior is minimalistic yet brimming with intricate detailing. For example: the test unit's black textile fascia forms an interesting canvas upon which ambient

lighting elements are projected and, along with the door panels, feature subtle blue accents. The latter hue is carried over to the 'Vescin' (a sustainable, leather-effect material) seats, which include colourful cloth inserts and houndstooth perforation motifs. The front seats are well bolstered and occupants seated here are afforded sufficient head- and kneeroom. Although the cabin is compact and the aft pews remain reserved for kids, the test car's light grey upholstery does lend the rear an airy feel. I would have appreciated more stowage compartments for small items, however. Without the storage box included in the 'favoured' specification package, I have resorted to hiding some valuables in our Classic-spec long-termers' door pockets, which is not ideal. In addition to feeling upmarket, the cabin's NVH suppression is commendable. The 1.5-litre's endearing turbo-triple thrum is noticeable only when really

pressing on. Ergonomics are top-notch, too. The OLED instrumentation/infotainment display has garnered several "wows" from passengers and pleasingly tactile toggle switches sit within easy reach of the driver. Eagle-eyed readers may have noticed the device affixed to the Mini's windscreen. Over the next six months, we will be testing Garmin's (R5 499) X110 dash cam: reporting back on its workings, how user-friendly it is, and its influence on insurance costs. The X110 shoots in 1080p at 30fps and offers a 140-degree field of view, displayed on a crisp, 2.4-inch screen with 'Clarity Polariser' technology to reduce glare. Once plugged in, it continuously records footage. It also features forward collision and lane departure warning functions. A neat addition I'm particularly keen to test is the 'Travelapse Trip Highlights' function, which condenses road trip footage into a highlights reel. **CAR**

ON THE GROW



Less than 70 years since producing its first vehicle, China now leads the world in vehicle production and exports, and is a dominant force in EV and battery production. We look at the evolution of this automotive powerhouse

By: Graham Eagle

The evolution of the Chinese auto industry reflects the country's overall economic growth, as well as its ambitious moves towards technological innovation. Humble beginnings, characterised by the licensed production of largely foreign-designed commercial vehicles, was followed by a period of joint ventures (JV) with established US, European and Japanese vehicle manufacturers. This soon led to the emergence of independent, homegrown brands, an early shift to electrified vehicles, and the global expansion of Chinese auto manufacturers.

EARLY YEARS

Initial ventures into coachbuilding in the early 1900s were followed by plans for local manufacturing, which reached prototype stage before being disrupted by regional conflicts and the Second World War. Subsequent to the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, government focus was primarily on developing manufacturing capabilities and improving infrastructure. With limited technical capability in auto manufacturing, and virtually no market for privately owned passenger cars, early efforts were focused on producing basic, foreign-designed trucks for government and military use. Appropriately, First Automobile Works (FAW) produced the first domestically manufactured vehicle, a four-tonne truck, in 1956. Known as the Jiefang CA-10, it was

based on the Soviet ZIS-150. By 1958, FAW produced China's first passenger car, the Dongfeng CA71, a medium-sized sedan with a body loosely based on a Simca Vedette, while its chassis and 1.9-litre engine were based on Mercedes-Benz designs. During this period, several assembly factories were established, many of which evolved into the vehicle manufacturers we know today; including Beijing Automotive Industry Corporation (BAIC and Foton) and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC – MG and LDV).

MANDATORY JOINT VENTURES

A major turning point for China's automotive industry came in the 1980s, when political and economic reforms opened up the economy. The resulting expansion of personal wealth increased the demand for private vehicle ownership. With minimal local car production, imports of passenger vehicles had grown significantly, initially from the Soviet Union and then from Japan, with China quickly becoming its second-largest export market. These imports soon began to contribute to a significant trade deficit and the government responded with temporary restrictions on imports, formulating plans to further develop local car manufacturing.

Acknowledging the domestic industry lacked the necessary technology and expertise to compete with established

global-scale manufacturers, China began to allow foreign manufacturers to establish operations there. The proviso was that they formed JVs with local automakers and that their shareholding was limited to less than 50%. In 1984, China's first major JV agreements were signed, leading to the formation of SAIC Volkswagen to produce the VW Santana (known as the Passat in SA); and with American Motors Corporation (later Chrysler) to build Jeep models in Beijing. This set the stage for similar partnerships with other global players like General Motors, Toyota, Honda and Peugeot. The JVs also enabled the foreign partners to better understand Chinese consumer preferences and, in time, they began producing models specifically for the domestic market.

In addition to swiftly increasing domestic production capacity, these ventures were crucial in developing China's automotive industry, facilitating the transfer of advanced manufacturing techniques, automotive technologies and design expertise. They helped to develop the automotive supply chain, enabling local content levels as high as 90% on some models, which would prove key to supporting the future growth of independent domestic automakers.

From 2018, the JV requirement was phased out, with some foreign manufacturers increasing their shareholding or taking full ownership of their operations.



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01 China's first locally produced car, the FAW Dongfeng CA71 (pic: CarNewsChina.com).
02 Produced for 28 years by the SAIC/VW joint venture, the B2 VW Santana demonstrated the success of JV manufacturing.



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EMERGENCE OF INDEPENDENT BRANDS

By the early 2000s, independent automakers such as BYD, Chery, Geely and Great Wall Motor Company (GWM) had been established, initially focusing on assembly and local production but still largely reliant on foreign designs and technology.

Continued growth of the Chinese economy resulted in an increasing call for cars, with buyers also demanding more variety and improved vehicle quality. The number of independent Chinese automakers expanded, as did their expertise in design and engineering, and many began to develop their own designs specifically tailored to the needs and tastes of Chinese consumers. By 2010, with domestic market sales of 13.6 million units, China surpassed the US to become the biggest market in the world. Less than 10% of this volume was imported, while 31% was produced by local, independent brands.

SAFETY AND EMISSION STANDARDS

During the early years of the industry, when local manufacturing was limited to building basic, foreign designs under licence, there were no domestic safety standards. By the early '90s, however, owing to their origins in more developed markets, the JV products offered improved safety levels and features. The first national safety standards appeared in 1992 and were basic, covering items like lights, brakes and mirrors, but did not include any crash protection or safety ratings. These were progressively incorporated during the 2000s as ECE, UN and Global NCAP standards were gradually adopted. A China NCAP (C-NCAP) was also introduced to provide consumers with comparative crash performance information and encourage the prioritisation of crash safety. The national standard for crash testing of front, side and pedestrian protection has continued to evolve in line with international practice, while C-NCAP now includes requirements for advanced driver assistance systems and has increasingly aligned its testing protocols with global standards combined with some local market-specific adjustments.

With China's large cities experiencing extremely high pollution levels as a result of the rapid growth of the vehicle parc, basic emission standards covering CO₂,

NOx and particulates were first introduced in the 1990s. By 2000, the China 2 standard, equivalent to the Euro 2 standard currently applied in SA, was introduced. Regulation has since followed the evolving European standards with the current China 6b standard being based on Euro 6 but incorporating some additional, more stringent requirements.

VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION

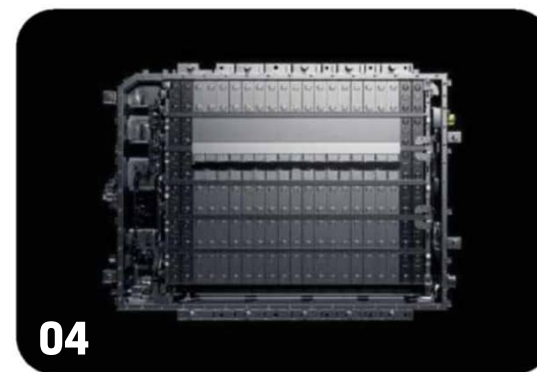
In a broader push to reduce both pollution levels and the country's reliance on imported oil, the government began supporting the research and development of new energy vehicles (NEV). By 2009, it had laid out a plan to make China a world leader in EVs, which included national subsidies for both the manufacturing and purchase of EVs. Large cities like Beijing and Shanghai complemented these with their own local incentives, and new EV manufacturers like Geely, BYD and NIO saw significant growth in sales. By 2015, EV production quotas were imposed on local manufacturers to encourage investment in their production. In addition, the government heavily invested

in expanding the country's charging infrastructure, establishing the largest network of charging stations globally.

This early strategic focus, currently supported by a trade-in programme and other sales incentives, has resulted in China becoming the global leader in vehicle electrification. In 2024, just under 13 million plug-in vehicles – comprising 60% BEVs and 40% PHEVs – were sold in the domestic market for a 48% market share, compared to just 6.3% in 2020. Worldwide, 13 of the 15 top-selling plug-in models in 2024 were Chinese brands; the other two models were the Tesla Model 3 and Model Y, a significant proportion of which are built in Shanghai.

This EV dominance extends beyond vehicles and includes the EV battery industry, where China is the global leader, dominating the supply chain. Currently producing 75% of the world's EV batteries, its two largest manufacturers, CATL and BYD, hold market shares of 37% and 17%, respectively. Further up the supply chain, strategic investments in extraction and processing provide China with control of more than 50% of global lithium, cobalt and

01 Chery has been China's largest vehicle exporter since 2003. **02** BYD's Blade battery design provides packaging and structural benefits, while its lithium ion-phosphate chemistry offers excellent thermal stability and safety. **03** With 37.9% of global production, CATL is the world's largest EV battery producer. **04** CATL's Freevoy battery is designed for the charging and discharging characteristics of PHEVs and EREVs. **05** The 375 kW dual electric-motor Cyberster is the performance flagship of SAIC-owned MG. **06** smart #3, an EV built in China by the Mercedes-Benz/Geely joint venture.



graphite refining, while its component manufacturers control 70% of cathode production and 85% of anode capacity. This control and integration of the battery supply chain is estimated to have given Chinese carmakers a 10- to 15-year head start and 20% cost advantage over the Western manufacturers.

GLOBAL INTEGRATION

An early step in the Chinese motor industry's global expansion was the acquisition of MG by Nanjing Auto in 2006; itself later purchased by SAIC Motor. By focusing on SUVs and electric vehicles, it has significantly grown the brand in selected international markets, particularly the UK and Australia, and recently entered the SA market. In 2009, Geely acquired Volvo from Ford, gaining access to the Swedish firm's safety expertise, design and engineering, allowing it to maintain its Swedish identity and brand values. Geely also owns a controlling share in Lotus and partners with Mercedes-Benz through the jointly owned smart brand.

In terms of relationships with foreign

manufacturers, it can be said the wheel has come full circle with one important difference ... foreign companies have entered into JVs with Chinese automakers to benefit from their expertise in EV technology and cost-effective manufacturing. Improved quality, design and technology have also increased acceptance of Chinese vehicles in global markets. Combined with competitive pricing, China has become the world's biggest vehicle exporter, while Chinese

manufacturers are establishing production facilities in key overseas markets.

The evolution of the Chinese automotive industry has been a remarkable success story, from manufacturing fewer than 6 000 cars in 1985 to producing 27.5 million in 2024. With its leadership in EVs and achievements in autonomous vehicle development, it will undoubtedly play a key role the future of the global automotive industry. **car**



FROM COUCH TO COMPETITION

In his second racing diary entry, Kyle Kock faces fear and learns to trust his instincts

With my first race weekend under my belt, much of the related anxiety of driving a race-prepared car has lifted. Still, round two of the Toyota GR Cup at Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit was a massive undertaking for the Media Challenge

rookies. The storied 4.522 km venue has hosted international and local racing legends in a variety of formulae, and its 16 turns require a cool head and consistency for competitive times.



S stands for sacrifice

In some S bends, a consecutive right into left - or in the case of The Esses at Kyalami, left into right - requires the sacrifice of your entry speed into the first bend to get a better run out of the second. I learnt this the hard way; scrubbing off speed with understeer and then having to straighten the wheels before hitting the gravel to save the car during first practice. Fortunately, this happened early in the proceedings and I could make the necessary adjustments for the rest of the weekend.



Use the data

For the second round, the Garmin Catalyst data loggers used by competitors in last year's GR Cup were present and plugged in. These devices record your laps and stitch together your fastest sectors to make a one-lap pace suggestion; essentially a perfect lap based on your current speed. More importantly, for me at least, was that during sessions, it also displays the current pace, whether you're up or down on your fastest lap.



Race report ROUND TWO

Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit

The major difference between this round and the first was that this race week included two practice sessions on Thursday, 10 April. This was followed by a third practice session on Friday, 11 April and a qualifying session thereafter, so Saturday, 12 April would be dedicated to racing only. Lady Luck smiled down on me as the weather forecast for race weekend was sunny and hot. My first session yielded a fastest lap of 2:14.182 while I explored the track limits, with an unceremonious off entering The Esses. After reviewing the onboard footage, courtesy of the Garmin Catalyst data logger plugged into my #88 GR Yaris, and some sage advice from fellow racers, a more measured

approach to the second practice resulted in a considerable improvement to 2:12.838.

After the overnight rest, later braking into Crowthorne and rotating the GR Yaris on the brakes into Barbeque during third practice brought my fastest lap down to 2:11.167, but I came in after just five laps to save my tyres for qualifying. It was time to trust the Yaris' all-wheel-drive system fully, and for the first time over the weekend I switched from Sport to Track mode (moving the car's front-to-rear torque split from 30:70 to 50:50) and resisted the urge to hit the brake pedal in Mineshaft. This brought down my average lap time significantly and I posted a quickest lap of 2:09.725

- fifth fastest overall, and third on the shared grid behind pole-sitter and fellow GR Cup Media Challenge contender Nabil Abdool and the hard-charging Dealer Challenge's Mario de Sousa in a Motus GR Corolla.

Although I had been warned to watch the lights at the start, I was caught napping by TimesLive's Phuti Mpyane, who gained a car length on me by the time we had rounded The Kink. I felt confident in how I'd warmed up the Dunlop semi-slicks and hit the anchors just after Mpyane, which allowed me to regain second place before Crowthorne's apex. I could only try to hang onto Abdool and De Sousa as they quickly cut through the field of GR86s, and got caught up momentarily by Brandon van der Walt and Justin Rogers, and ran alone to the finish.

The second race's grid was shaken up by Gazoo Racing Academy instructor Paul de Vos starting ahead of me, with the

NMI GR Corolla of Theo Brits alongside my GR Yaris. Another error on my part at the start gave Brits the advantage off the line, and into Crowthorne, I had to pull off a manoeuvre similar to what I had executed in my exchange with Mpyane in the previous race. Tucked behind De Vos, I beat my qualifying time with a 2:09.518, but was slightly slower overall in what was a fairly uneventful second race. The two results were good enough for P2 overall for the day.

Our next race meeting at the famed Aldo Scribante Race Circuit in Gqeberha will see our current manual cars being replaced with the eagerly anticipated 2025 GR Yaris, complete with an extra 12 kW and 40 N.m of torque channelled through an automatic transmission with paddle shifters. It's a circuit with which I'm familiar, having visited during several of our annual Performance Shootouts over the years. **car**

Jeep Renegade

Jeep's city-slicker may not have strictly adhered to the brand's ethos, but it found a receptive audience with style-conscious buyers looking to detach from the hatch pack. We explore this model as a second-hand purchase and list two of its rivals



5 seats, 216/994 L 6 airbags, ABS, ESC
R14 384 August 2015 (1.4T Limited MT)

Power: 103 kW Torque: 230 N.m 0-100 km/h: 11.41 seconds
Top speed: 194 km/h Fuel consumption index: 7.20 L/100 km

The Renegade's arrival on our market back in 2015 was no doubt met with some misgivings; bringing out an FWD boutique model seemed a little out of character for a manufacturer renowned for producing a long line of hard-as-nails SUVs. But with the market for fashionable, town-friendly crossovers and compact SUVs really taking off, the baby Jeep's introduction was, in fact, a masterstroke. It proved a sales success and injected life into a Jeep brand that was beginning to stagnate.

Underpinned by a modified version of FCA's SCCS platform, which

served a wide variety of B-segment models – from hatchbacks to mini-MPVs and crossovers, including the closely related Fiat 500X – the Renegade sported a characterful, boxy shell studded with Jeep-inspired styling cues and a cabin that, despite the car's compact dimensions, was spacious enough for four adults. The initial engine line-up comprised Fiat's 1.4-litre turbopetrol engine, which developed 103 kW and 230 N.m, driving the front wheels via its snappy 6-speed manual 'box. This would be joined a little later by the 81 kW 1.6-litre E-Torq unit, which could develop 80% of its



152 N.m of torque at just 1 500 r/min, and the naturally aspirated 2.4-litre Tigershark inline-four petrol (137 kW and 232 N.m) in the Trailhawk; a model that featured a ride height 20 mm taller than the standard car's 175 mm, underbody protection and Active Drive Low low-range transfer case, making it a fairly thirsty but surprisingly capable little off-roader. The 2019 model year ushered in revised bumpers, LED headlamps, an enlarged front grille and upgrades to the infotainment system to incorporate a larger screen and smartphone integration, among others.

The 1.4T Limited made a favourable impression on the CAR team when we tested it in our August 2015 issue. We were obviously taken with its funky styling and spacious, upmarket cabin, but were especially impressed by the torquey and willing Fiat-sourced engine, easily modulated clutch, compliant ride and well-balanced handling characteristics – not to mention the generous specification afforded by Limited trim, which included dual-zone climate control, park



assist, touchscreen infotainment system and auto lights and wipers.

In terms of reliability, the Renegade is generally quite robust although earlier models (2015–2017) were known to reveal a problem or two. Some owners reported issues with the automatic transmission, which could exhibit erratic or abrupt shift characteristics, as well as some electronic gremlins: the check engine light came on despite all being well, and some latency or spottiness from the infotainment system. All these can be addressed via software upgrades, or a factory reset of the ancillary systems, which can kick things back into touch. Regarding its general maintenance, it pays to keep tabs on the engine oil level in the 1.4T, as worn gaskets on higher-mileage units can lead to unexpected high oil consumption. Rough idling could suggest worn spark plugs, another consumable for which the turbopetrol engine is sometimes renowned.

Generally, though, the Renegade is a sound used buy that is comfy, well equipped and has charisma its rivals would kill for. The fact it's not renowned for holding its second-hand value is a major plus, as there are many examples of this well-kitted car in the classifieds, so be selective when shopping and favour well looked after examples with a complete service history.

FOR SALE



Jeep Renegade 1.4T Limited AT
2021, 49 500 km,
R299 900

FOR SALE



Jeep Renegade 1.4T Limited MT
2015, 138 300 km,
R179 800

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Mini Countryman

5 seats, 216–256/960 L 6 airbags, ABS, EBD, ESC
R17 280 July 2017 (Mini Cooper S Countryman)



Power: 141 kW Torque: 280 N.m 0–100 km/h: 7.59 seconds
Top speed: 225 km/h Fuel consumption index: 7.80 L/100 km

Much like the Renegade, Mini’s Countryman signalled a marked departure from the marque’s traditional direction in a bid to gain a foothold in the lucrative boutique compact-SUV segment. The first-generation model made quite the splash when it arrived in 2010, thanks to its eye-catching design and the fact it managed to capture a good degree of the entertaining dynamics for which Mini is renowned. It was also, however, noted for its compromised packaging (most obviously the central rail that bisected the cabin and played host to pointless sliding drink holders) and poor perceived quality. The second-generation model was a vast improvement. Based in BMW’s UKL2 platform, it was appreciably larger inside and Mini had gone to great lengths to improve build quality. The range encompassed the three-cylinder, 1.5-litre Cooper (100 kW/200 N.m), the Cooper D with a 2.0-litre inline-four turbo-diesel producing 110 kW and 330 N.m, and the 2.0-litre turbopetrol in two states of tune: the 141 kW/280 N.m Cooper S and the AWD John Cooper Works with 225 kW and 450 N.m. The Countryman is largely a reliable car, but there are some bits to look out for. Its family-friendly proviso means the interiors could take a bit of beating from transporting kids/pets/leisure gear. Although the All4 AWD system does give the Countryman a bit of dirt-road ability, it is not a heavy-duty system. Signs of frequent off-road use (lower-body bumps, scraped alloys etc) could indicate this torque apportioning system has been overworked, requiring an expensive overhaul.

FOR SALE



Mini Cooper S Countryman AT,
2017, 114 050 km,
R299 900

BMW X1

5 seats, 216/1 128 L 6 airbags, ABS, EBD, EBA, ESC
R17 368 August 2017 (BMW X1 sDrive20d)



Power: 140 kW Torque: 400 N.m 0–100 km/h: 8.37 seconds
Top speed: 222 km/h Fuel consumption index: 5.50 L/100 km

Mechanically related to the Countryman, BMW’s smallest SUV model serves up a similarly engaging blend of comfort and dynamic agility in a more mature and upmarket package. We found the X1 to be a little less handling-focused and more refined than the Mini, with a slightly more settled ride on broken surfaces and upmarket (and therefore more durable-feeling) cabin trim.

There is little to separate them when it comes to packaging, though; both serve up adequate room for four adults and are near-identical in terms of luggage space. It’s a similar story with the engine line-up, which broadly mirrors that of Mini but does not include a high-performance spin-off. When considering things to watch for, early turbodiesels were prone to premature timing chain wear; it may be prudent to replace this if the previous owner has not already done so. The X1 was noted for having weighty steering but if the tiller feels especially stiff, it may point to issues with the power steering pump. Sometimes a management system software update can resolve the problem if there are not mechanical issues at play. There have also been sporadic reports of oil leaks from areas such as the head gasket and turbocharger in 2015–2017 models. A rough idle and smoking exhaust under acceleration are telltale signs. As a rule when it comes to any car approaching 10 years of age, it is worth checking any rubbers, seals and pipes for signs of degradation as this can head off any cooling or lubrication issues that could lead to potentially extensive (and expensive) mechanical failures.

FOR SALE



BMW X1 sDrive20d,
2019, 174 528 km,
R299 900



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Notes

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- **0-100 km/h** is the quickest time our testers were able achieve on a level road with a full tank of fuel and one passenger. If we haven't tested a particular model it is the manufacturer's claimed figure.
- **MAX SPEED** is the vehicle's manufacturer's claim.
- **FUEL CONSUMP** is CAR's fuel index given in litres/100 km. This is calculated from a combination of the manufacturer's figures, our road test figures and a multiplying factor realising a real-world figure that most motorists should be able to achieve. If we haven't tested that particular model it is an estimate. NOTE: These estimates are reviewed from time to time as more information becomes available.
- Under **AIRBAGS** we list the number of airbags fitted as standard.
- The next six columns are self-explanatory,

and refer to possible additional equipment. The symbols used are S = standard, O = optional. Otherwise the feature is not available.

- Under **CO2** we list the manufacturer's official claimed carbon dioxide emissions figure in g/km. A dash implies that these values were not available at the time of going to press.
- The last column lists the road test date when applicable. Copies of these road tests are available. Email car@ramsaysmedia.co.za for details.

PRICES ARE CORRECT AS AT 16 APRIL 2025

Please note some of these prices may have been updated in our road tests, which were signed off later.

THE CAR GUIDE SHOWS:

1. All models currently available on the South African market, listed by manufacturer.
2. There are two horizontal strips associated with each range of models. The first one lists common features and the second one enumerates good and bad features, some replacement dates and possible rival choices.



Alfa Romeo

4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 (Veloce) 4 (Quadrifoglio) • Fuel tank: 58 litres • Boot: 256 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km															
Good: The Quadrifoglio features an engine based on a Ferrari's V8. Bad: Interior trim and quality a slight letdown. Our choice: Quadrifoglio. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q3. Super Sport added. Also look at: For Veloce: Audi A4 / S4, BMW 3 Series, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Lexus IS. For Quadrifoglio: Audi S6, BMW M3 / M5, Mercedes-AMG C43 / C63. Long-term test: Aug 2018 (Giulia 2.0T Super)															
	Giulia 2.0T Veloce	1 135 900	22 330	4/1995	P-T	206/5250	-	400/2250	8/R	A	5.7	240	8.9	6 167	-
	Giulia Quadrifoglio	2 009 900	39 440	V6/2891	P-T	375/6500	-	600/2500	8/R	A	3.9	307	12.1	6 228	-
	Giulia Quadrifoglio Super Sport	2 299 900	45 110	V6/2891	P-T	375/6500	-	600/2500	8/R	A	3.9	307	12.1	6 228	-
5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 64 litres • Boot: 368/1000 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km															
Good: Styling. Bad: Elements of the interior. Our choice: Veloce Q4. Replacement due: Facelifted 2023. Super Sport added. Also look at: For Veloce: Audi Q5 / SQ5, BMW X3, Land Rover Range Rover Velar, Lexus NX, Maserati Grecale, Mercedes GLC, Porsche Macan, Volvo XC60. For Quadrifoglio: BMW X5 M, Land Rover Range Rover Sport SV, Maserati Grecale Trofeo, Mercedes-AMG GLE63, Porsche Cayenne turbo															
	Stelvio 2.0T Veloce Q4	1 292 900	25 400	4/1995	P-T	206/5250	-	400/2250	8/4	A	5.7	230	10.2	6 192	-
	Stelvio Quadrifoglio Q4	2 192 900	43 020	V6/2891	P-T	375/6500	-	600/2500	8/4	A	3.8	285	14.2	6 267	-
	Stelvio Quadrifoglio Q4 Super Sport	2 508 900	49 200	V6/2891	P-T	375/6500	-	600/2500	8/4	A	3.8	285	14.2	6 267	-
5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 55 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km															
Good: Undoubtedly the sexiest cross-over in its segment. Bad: Engine a tad breathless. Our choice: Ti. Replacement due: Intro 2022 Q4. Also look at: Audi Q2 / Q3, BMW X1 / X2, Lexus UX, Mercedes GLA, MINI Countryman, Volvo XC40															
	Tonale 1.5T Hybrid Ti	811 899	15 990	4/1469	P-T/H	118/5750	-	240/1500	7/F	DC	8.8	210	6.8	6 130	-
	Tonale 1.5T Hybrid Veloce	895 129	17 620	4/1469	P-T/H	118/5750	-	240/1500	7/F	DC	8.8	210	6.8	6 130	-

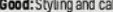
Aston Martin

DB12															2-door Coupé / Convertible • Seats: 2+2 • Fuel tank: 78 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / unlimited km														
Good: Probably the best GT on the planet. Bad: We need to get our hands on one to decide. Our choice: Only one engine model. Replacement due: Intro 2024. Also look at: Bentley Continental GT / GTC, Maserati GranTurismo / MC20																													
	DB12 Coupé	POA	POA	V8/3982	P-T	494/6000	-	800/2750	8/R	A	3.6	325	14.6	8	278	-													
	DB12 Volante	POA	POA	V8/3982	P-T	494/6000	-	800/2750	8/R	A	3.7	325	14.6	8	276	-													
DBX															5-door SUV • Fuel tank: 85 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / unlimited km														
Good: Exterior design. Bad: There are sportier alternatives. Our choice: 707. Replacement due: 707 model added. Also look at: Bentley Bentayga, BMW XM, Ferrari Purosangue, Lamborghini Urus, Mercedes-Maybach GLS / EQS, Porsche Cayenne, Rolls-Royce Cullinan																													
	DBX707	POA	POA	V8/3982	P-T	520/6000	-	900/2750	9/4	A	3.3	310	16.2	7	309	-													
Vantage															2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 73 litres • Boot: 144 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / unlimited km														
Good: Much-needed new model with exciting styling and AMG-sourced engine. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Only one model. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024. Also look at: Lamborghini Temerario, Maserati GranTurismo, McLaren Artura / GTS, Porsche 911																													
	Vantage Coupé	POA	POA	V8/3982	P-T	489/6000	281	800/2750	8/R	A	3.81	325	14.5	4	274	Jan 25													

Audi

A1 Sportback															5-door Hatch • Seats: 4/5 • Fuel tank: 40 litres • Boot 184/720 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: More modern and funnier than ever. Bad: Expensive. Our choice: 30TFSI. Replacement due: Black Edition added 2024 Q3. Also look at: Honda Fit, Mazda Mazda3, MINI Cooper 5-door, Toyota Corolla Hatch																													
	A1 Sportback 30TFSI Advanced		530 900	10 490	3/999	P-T	85/5000	-	200/2000	7/F	DC	9.4	203	5.8	6	119	-												
	A1 Sportback 30TFSI Black Edition		593 390	11 720	3/999	P-T	85/5000	-	200/2000	7/F	DC	9.4	203	5.8	6	119	-												
A3 Sportback / Sedan															5-door Hatch / 4-door Sedan • Seats: 4/5 • Fuel tank: 40 litres (A3) 55 litres (RS3) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: Refined, inside and out. Bad: Expensive options. Our choice: 35TFSI. Replacement due: Facelifted 2025 Q1. RS3 Carbon Edition added. Also look at: For Sportback: BMW 1 Series, Honda Civic Type R, Hyundai i30 N, Mercedes A-Class Hatch, MINI Cooper 5-door, Toyota GR Corolla, Volkswagen Golf. For Sedan: BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé, Mercedes A-Class Sedan / CLA, Subaru WRX																													
	A3 Sportback 35TFSI S line		808 200	15 920	4/1395	P-T	110/5000	-	250/1500	8/F	A	8.2	219	7.0	6	139	-												
	A3 Sportback 35TFSI Black Edition		834 500	16 430	4/1395	P-T	110/5000	-	250/1500	8/F	A	8.2	219	7.0	6	139	-												
	A3 Sedan 35TFSI S line		823 200	16 210	4/1395	P-T	110/5000	-	250/1500	8/F	A	8.2	227	7.0	6	138	-												
	A3 Sedan 35TFSI Black Edition		849 500	16 730	4/1395	P-T	110/5000	-	250/1500	8/F	A	8.2	227	7.0	6	138	-												
	RS3 Sportback quattro		1 498 200	29 420	5/2480	P-T	294/5600	-	500/2250	7/4	DC	3.8	250	10.8	6	204	-												
	RS3 Sportback quattro Carbon Edition		1 591 900	31 260	5/2480	P-T	294/5600	-	500/2250	7/4	DC	3.8	250	10.8	6	204	-												
	RS3 Sedan quattro		1 528 200	30 010	5/2480	P-T	294/5600	-	500/2250	7/4	DC	3.8	250	10.7	6	202	-												
	RS3 Sedan quattro Carbon Edition		1 610 700	31 620	5/2480	P-T	294/5600	-	500/2250	7/4	DC	3.8	250	10.7	6	202	-												
A4 Sedan / S4 Sedan															4-door Sedan (A4 / S4) 5-door Estate (RS4) • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 54 (35TFSI, 40TFSI) 58 litres (S4, RS4) • Boot 328/832 litres (Sedan) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: Overall refinement and interior. Bad: Conservative exterior design. Our choice: 35TFSI. Replacement due: 2025. Also look at: For A4 / S4: Alfa Romeo Giulia, BMW 3 Series, Lexus IS, Mercedes C-Class, Subaru WRX. For RS4 Avant: BMW M3 Touring, 20 000 km test: Jun 2017 (1.4T FSI Sport)																													
	A4 35TFSI Black Edition		952 600	18 750	4/1984	P-T	110/3900	-	270/1350	7/F	DC	8.9	225	7.3	6	140	-												
	A4 40TFSI Black Edition		1 002 200	19 720	4/1984	P-T	140/4200	-	320/1450	7/F	DC	7.3	241	7.6	6	143	-												
	S4 FSI quattro Black Edition		1 300 200	25 550	V6/2995	P-T	260/5400	-	500/1370	8/4	A	4.7	250	10.3	6	195	-												
	RS4 Avant quattro		1 562 600	30 680	V6/2894	P-T	331/5700	-	600/2000	8/4	A	4.1	250	11.0	6	208	Oct 21												

A5 Coupé S5 Coupé RS5 Coupé		2-door Coupé • Seats: 2+2 • Fuel tank: 54 litres (40TFSI) 58 litres (TDI, S5 and RS5) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km													
Good: Overall improvement on previous model. Bad: Too much of a Q-car for some? Our choice: 40TFSI. Replacement due: Coupé due to end in 2025. Also look at: BMW 4 Series Coupé / M4 Coupé, Ford Mustang, Mercedes CLE Coupé, Toyota GR Supra															
	A5 Coupé 40TFSI S line	952 500	18 740	4/1984	P-T	140/4200	-	320/1450	7/F	DC	7.3	241	7.7	6 145	-
	A5 Coupé 40TDI quattro S line	1 009 900	19 870	4/1968	D-T	140/3800	-	400/1750	7/4	DC	7.4	235	7.2	6 158	Oct 21
	S5 TFSI Coupé quattro	1 272 500	25 010	V6/2995	P-T	260/5400	-	500/1370	8/4	A	4.7	250	10.6	6 201	-
	RS5 Coupé quattro	1 665 700	32 700	V6/2894	P-T	331/5700	-	600/2000	8/4	A	3.9	250	10.8	6 206	-
A5 Sportback S5 Sportback RS5 Sportback		5-door Fastback • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 54 litres (40TFSI) 58 litres (TDI, S5 and RS5) • Boot: 376/1 000 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km													
Good: Overall improvement on previous model. Bad: Too much of a Q-car for some? Our choice: 40TFSI. Replacement due: 2025. Also look at: BMW 4 Series Gran Coupé, Mercedes CLA															
	A5 Sportback 40TFSI	922 500	18 160	4/1984	P-T	140/4200	-	320/1450	7/F	DC	7.5	241	7.8	6 148	-
	A5 Sportback 40TFSI S line	967 500	19 040	4/1984	P-T	140/4200	-	320/1450	7/F	DC	7.5	241	7.8	6 148	-
	A5 Sportback 40TDI quattro S line	1 024 900	20 160	4/1968	D-T	140/3800	-	400/1750	7/4	DC	7.6	235	7.2	6 162	-
	S5 TFSI Sportback quattro	1 287 500	25 300	V6/2995	P-T	260/5400	-	500/1370	8/4	A	4.8	250	10.6	6 202	Aug 21
	RS5 Sportback quattro	1 680 700	32 990	V6/2894	P-T	331/5700	-	600/2000	8/4	A	3.9	250	10.9	6 206	-

4-door Sedan (A6 / S6) 5-door Estate (RS6) • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 73 litres (A6, S6) 75 litres (RS6) • Boot 400/984 litres (sedan) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km															
Good: Styling and cabin. Bad: Almost too German. Our choice: 40TDi. Replacement due: RS6 performance added 2024 Q3. Also look at: For A6 / S6: Alfa Romeo Giulia, BMW 5 Series, Lexus ES, Mercedes E-Class. For RS6 Avant: BMW M3 Touring, Porsche Taycan Cross Turismo															
	A6 40TDI S line	1 184 100	23 280	4/1968	D-T	140/3800	-	400/1750	7/F	DC	8.4	237	6.2	6 136	-
	A6 45TDI quattro S line	1 397 100	27 440	V6/2967	D-T	183/2900	-	600/1500	8/4	A	6.1	250	7.8	6 169	-
	S6 TFSI quattro	1 659 400	32 580	V6/2894	P-T	331/5700	163	600/1900	8/4	A	4.67	250	10.0	6 193	Sep 20
	RS6 Avant quattro performance	2 370 300	46 490	V8/3996	P-T	463/6000	-	850/2300	8/4	A	3.78	250	14.6	6 285	Jan 24

A7 Sportback S7 Sportback RS7 Sportback															5-door Fastback • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 63 litres (A7) 73 litres (S7, RS7) • Boot: 376/1 088 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: Design and performance. Bad: No more diesel options. Our choice: S7. Replacement due: RS7 performance added. Also look at: BMW 8 Series Gran Coupé / M8 Gran Coupé, Mercedes-AMG GT 4-Door Coupé, Porsche Panamera																													
	A7 Sportback 55TFSI quattro S line	1 574 600	30 920	V6/2995	P-T	250/5000	126	500/1370	7/4	DC	5.68	250	8.5	6	157	Mar 20													
	S7 TFSI Sportback quattro	1 773 400	34 810	V6/2894	P-T	331/5700	-	600/1900	8/4	A	4.6	250	10.1	6	197	-													
	RS7 Sportback quattro performance	2 482 900	48 690	V8/3996	P-T	463/6000	-	850/2300	8/4	A	3.4	250	14.6	6	285	-													

Continental		2-door Coupé (GT) / Convertible (GTC) • Seats: 4 • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)																	
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Continental GT Speed. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q3. Also look at: Aston Martin DB12, Maserati GranTurismo, McLaren GTs, Porsche 911																			
	Continental GT Speed		7 500 000	146 870	V8/3996	P-T/H	575	-	1000	8/4	DC	3.2	335	12.4	6	29	-		
	Continental GT Mulliner		8 025 000	157 140	V8/3996	P-T/H	575	-	1000	8/4	DC	3.2	335	12.4	6	29	-		
	Continental GTC Speed		8 225 000	161 050	V8/3996	P-T/H	575	-	1000	8/4	DC	3.4	285	12.7	6	31	-		
	Continental GTC Mulliner		8 800 000	172 300	V8/3996	P-T/H	575	-	1000	8/4	DC	3.4	285	12.7	6	31	-		

Flying Spur																			4-door Sedan • Seats: 4 • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)									
Good: Glamour and effortless refinement. Bad: The desire to be a passenger and driver at the same time. Our choice: Speed. Replacement due: Hybrid V8 intro 2025 Q1. Also look at: Mercedes-Maybach S-Class, Rolls-Royce Ghost																												
	Flying Spur Speed			TBA	TBA	V8/3996	P-T/H	575	-	1000	8/4	DC	3.5	285	12.8	8	33	-										
	Flying Spur Mulliner			TBA	TBA	V8/3996	P-T/H	575	-	1000	8/4	DC	3.5	285	12.8	8	33	-										

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1 Series														5-door Hatch • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 49 litres • Boot: 240-288 /848 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km													
Good: New design language. Bad: Getting quite expensive. Our choice: M135. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q3. Also look at: For 118: Audi A3 Sportback, Mercedes A200 Hatch, MINI Cooper 5-door, Volkswagen Golf. For M135: Honda Civic Type R, Hyundai i30 N, Mercedes-AMG A35 Hatch, Toyota GR Corolla, Volkswagen Golf GTI / R																											

	118		713 395	14 060	3/1999	P-T	115/4900	-	230/1500	7/F	DC	8.5	226	7.7	6	145	-
	118 M Sport		753 395	14 850	3/1999	P-T	115/4900	80	230/1500	7/F	DC	8.67	226	7.7	6	145	Feb 25
	M135		982 768	19 340	4/1998	P-T	233/5750	-	400/2000	7/4	DC	4.9	250	9.4	6	177	-
2 Series Coupé M2 Coupé		2-door Coupé • Seats: 4 • Fuel tank: 51 litres (220d), 52 litres (220i, M240i, M2) • Boot: 280 /616 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km															
Good: The BMW driver's car lives on. Bad: xDrive takes the edge off. Our choice: Always the M2. Replacement due: Updated 2024 Q4. M2 upgraded. Also look at: Ford Mustang, Lotus Emira, Porsche 718 Cayman, Toyota GR86 / GR Supra																	
	220i Coupé M Sport		858 395	16 900	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	-	300/1350	8/R	A	7.5	236	7.6	6	145	-
	220d Coupé M Sport		905 037	17 810	4/1995	D-T	140/4000	90	400/1750	8/R	A	6.93	237	5.8	6	126	Oct 22
	M240i xDrive Coupé		1 215 111	23 880	i6/2979	P-T	285/5500	165	500/1800	8/4	A	4.58	250	9.6	6	185	Aug 22
	M2 Coupé auto		1 570 988	30 850	i6/2993	P-T	353/6250	-	600/2700	8/R	A	4.0	285	11.6	6	220	-
	M2 Coupé		1 581 334	31 050	i6/2993	P-T	353/6250	-	550/2650	6/R	M	4.2	285	12.2	6	231	-

2 Series Gran Coupé														4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 49 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km													
Good: Compact sedan dimensions. Bad: Limited model range. Our choice: Untested ed. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q1. Also look at: For 218: Audi A3 Sedan, Honda Civic Sedan, Mercedes-Benz A200 Sedan / CLA200. For M235: Mercedes-AMG A35 Sedan / Mercedes-AMG CLA35, Subaru WRX																											
	218 Gran Coupé			733 559	14 460	3/1499	P-T	115/4900	-	230/1500	7/F	DC	8.6	230	7.6	6	143	-									
	218 Gran Coupé M Sport			773 559	15 240	3/1499	P-T	115/4900	-	230/1500	7/F	DC	8.6	230	7.6	6	143	-									
	M235 Gran Coupé			1 043 100	20 520	4/1998	P-T	233/5750	-	400/2000	7/4	DC	4.9	250	9.2	6	176	-									

	218 Gran Coupé	733 559	14 460	3/1499	P-T	115/4900	-	230/1500	7/F	DC	8.6	230	7.6	6	143	-
	218 Gran Coupé M Sport	773 559	15 240	3/1499	P-T	115/4900	-	230/1500	7/F	DC	8.6	230	7.6	6	143	-
	M235 Gran Coupé	1 043 100	20 250	4/1998	P-T	233/5750	-	400/2000	7/4	DC	4.9	250	9.2	6	176	-
3 Series M3 Sedan / Touring		4-door Sedan / 5-door Estate (M3 Touring) • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 59 litres • Boot: 368/1 144 litres (Sedan) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: Improved material quality and a modicum of refinement. Bad: M Sport suspension with large wheels ruin the ride quality, no more RWD M3. Our choice: 320d. Replacement due: 3 Series updated 2024 Q4. Also look at: For 3 Series Sedan: Alfa Romeo Giulia, Audi A4 / S4, Lexus IS, Mercedes C-Class. For M3 Sedan: Mercedes-AMG C43 / C63. For M3 Touring: Audi RS4 Avant / RS6 Avant, Porsche Taycan Cross Turismo																
	320i	913 731	17 990	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	84	300/1350	8/R	A	7.89	235	7.8	6	147	Sep 20
	320i M Sport	963 731	18 960	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	-	300/1350	8/R	A	7.4	235	7.8	6	147	-
	320d	960 877	18 910	4/1995	D-T	140/4000	88	400/1750	8/R	A	6.97	240	5.9	6	130	Jun 19
	320d M Sport	1 010 877	19 890	4/1995	D-T	140/4000	-	400/1750	8/R	A	6.8	240	5.9	6	130	-
	330i M Sport	1 034 067	20 340	4/1998	P-T	190/4500	121	400/1550	8/R	A	5.99	250	7.8	6	149	Jul 19
	M340i xDrive	1 364 607	26 810	i6/2998	P-T	285/5800	163	500/1800	8/4	A	4.56	250	9.6	6	182	Aug 23
	M3 competition M xDrive	2 198 002	43 120	i6/2993	P-T	390/6250	-	650/2750	8/4	A	3.5	290	12.2	6	232	-
	M3 competition Touring M xDrive	2 218 506	43 520	i6/2993	P-T	390/6250	-	650/2750	8/4	A	3.6	280	12.5	6	235	-

4 Series Coupé / Convertible M4 Coupé / Convertible														2-door Coupé / Convertible • Seats: 2+2 • Fuel tank: 59 litres • Boot: 248/776 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km													
Good: Latest technology now in the 4 Series. Bad: Challenging front design. Our choice: 420d Coupé. Replacement due: Facelifted mid 2024. Also look at: For 4 Series: Audi A5 / S5 Coupé, Ford Mustang, Mercedes CLE Coupé/ Cabriolet, Toyota GR Supra. For M4: Audi RS5 Coupé, Lotus Emira, Porsche 718 Cayman / 718 Boxster / 911 Coupé/Cabriolet																											
	420i Coupé M Sport			998 563	19 650	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	-	300/1350	8/R	A	7.5	240	7.7	6	146	-									
	420d Coupé M Sport			1 045 373	20 560	4/1995	D-T	140/4000	-	400/1750	8/R	A	7.1	240	5.8	6	127	-									
	420i Convertible M Sport			1 109 570	21 820	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	-	300/1350	8/R	A	8.2	236	7.9	6	152	-									
	M440i xDrive Coupé			1 499 607	29 450	i6/2998	P-T	285/5800	-	500/1800	8/4	A	4.5	250	9.6	6	182	-									
M440i xDrive Convertible			1 606 286	31 540	i6/2998	P-T	285/5800	-	500/1800	8/4	A	4.9	250	10.1	6	192	-										
M4 competition Coupé M xDrive			2 238 002	43 900	i6/2993	P-T	390/6250	-	650/2750	8/4	A	3.5	290	12.1	6	230	-										
M4 competition Convertible M xDrive			2 338 842	45 870	i6/2993	P-T	390/6250	-	650/2750	8/4	A	3.7	280	12.4	6	233	-										

	420i Coupé M Sport		998 563	19 650	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	-	300/1350	8/R	A	7.5	240	7.7	6	146	-										
	420d Coupé M Sport		1 045 373	20 560	4/1995	D-T	140/4000	-	400/1750	8/R	A	7.1	240	5.8	6	127	-										
	420i Convertible M Sport		1 109 570	21 820	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	-	300/1350	8/R	A	8.2	236	7.9	6	152	-										
	M440i xDrive Coupé		1 499 607	29 450	16/2998	P-T	285/5800	-	500/1800	8/4	A	4.5	250	9.6	6	182	-										
	M440i xDrive Convertible		1 606 286	31 540	16/2998	P-T	285/5800	-	500/1800	8/4	A	4.9	250	10.1	6	192	-										
	M4 competition Coupé M xDrive		2 238 002	43 900	16/2993	P-T	390/6250	-	650/2750	8/4	A	3.5	290	12.1	6	230	-										
	M4 competition Convertible M xDrive		2 338 842	45 870	16/2993	P-T	390/6250	-	650/2750	8/4	A	3.7	280	12.4	6	233	-										
4 Series Gran Coupé																		5-door Fastback • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 59 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km									
Good: Swoopy styling. Bad: Not as practical as the 3 Series. Our choice: M440i. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q3. Also look at: Audi A5 / S5 Sportback, Mercedes CLA																											
	420i Gran Coupé M Sport		999 067	19 650	4/1998	P-T	135/5000	-	300/1350	8/R	A	7.9	235	7.8	6	149	-										
	420d Gran Coupé M Sport		1 046 044	20 570	4/1995	D-T	140/4000	-	400/1750	8/R	A	7.5	233	6.0	6	131	-										
	M440i xDrive Gran Coupé		1 498 600	29 430	6/2998	P-T	285/5800	-	500/1900	8/4	A	4.7	250	9.4	6	176	-										

BUY

		PRICE (R)	HP (R)	ENGINE	FUEL SUPPLY	POWER kW@1/min	POWER/ PASG	TORQUE Nm@1/min	GEARS	TRANS	0-100 km/h	MAX SPEED	FUEL CONSUMP	AIRBAGS	CO ₂	TEST
4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km																
	Seal Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q4. Also look at: BMW i4 / i5, Mercedes EQE Sedan, Porsche Taycan															
	Seal Premium Extended Range	999 900	19 670	electric	E	230	-	360	E/R	E	5.9	179	-	9	0	-
	Seal Performance AWD	1 199 900	23 580	electric	E	390	-	670	E/4	E	3.8	179	-	9	0	-
5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km																
	Sealion 6 Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q2. Also look at: BMW X1 30e, Toyota RAV4 Plug-In Hybrid															
	Sealion 6 Comfort	639 900	12 630	4/1499	P/H	160	-	300	-/F	A	8.5	-	5.8	7	24	-
	Sealion 6 Dynamic	689 900	13 610	4/1499	P/H	160	-	300	-/F	A	8.5	-	5.8	7	24	-
	Sealion 6 Premium AWD	789 900	15 560	4/1499	P-T/H	238	-	550	-/4	A	5.9	-	7.0	7	32	-
5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km																
	Sealion 7 Good: That price can't be ignored. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Performance AWD. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q2. Also look at: BMW iX, Lexus RZ, Mercedes EQE SUV, Volvo EX90															
	Sealion 7 Premium	1 099 900	21 630	electric	E	230	-	380	E/R	E	6.7	215	-	9	0	-
	Sealion 7 Performance AWD	1 299 900	25 540	electric	E	390	-	690	E/4	E	4.5	215	-	9	0	-
4-door Pick-Up • Seats: 5 • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km																
	Shark 6 Good: An interesting and fresh new option in a hot segment. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Just one model. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q2. Also look at: Ford Ranger Raptor, GWM P500 HEV, Jeep Gladiator, Maxus T90															
	Shark 6 Double Cab Premium AWD	959 900	18 890	4/1499	P-T/H	321	-	650	-/4	A	5.7	160	11.5	7	46	-

Chery		www.chery.co.za Telephone: 010 448 5388														
Tiggo 4 Pro		5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 51 litres • Boot: 264/944 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / 30 000 km (LiT) 5 year / 60 000 km (Elite)														
Good: Strong standard specification. Bad: Overly sensitive throttle pedal. Our choice: 1.5T LiT DCT. Replacement due: DCT auto models added. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Citroën C3 Aircross, Haval Jolion, Honda Elevate, Hyundai Venue, Kia Sonet, Mahindra XUV 3X0, MG ZS, Nissan Magnite, Renault Kiger, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Urban Cruiser, Volkswagen T-Cross																
	Tiggo 4 Pro 1.5 LiT	269 900	5 390	4/1499	P	83/6150	-	138/4000	5/F	M	11.5	180	8.4	2	167	-
	Tiggo 4 Pro 1.5 LiT auto	299 900	5 970	4/1499	P	83/6150	-	138/4000	V/F	V	11.5	180	8.2	6	162	-
	Tiggo 4 Pro 1.5 Comfort	355 900	7 070	4/1499	P	83/6150	-	138/4000	V/F	V	11.5	180	8.2	6	162	-
	Tiggo 4 Pro 1.5T LiT	359 900	7 150	4/1498	P-T	108/5500	-	210/1750	7/F	DC	-	-	8.0	2	161	-
	Tiggo 4 Pro 1.5T Elite auto (CVT)	386 900	7 680	4/1498	P-T	108/5500	-	210/1750	V/F	V	10.0	180	8.2	6	162	-
	Tiggo 4 Pro 1.5T Elite auto (DCT)	415 900	8 240	4/1498	P-T	108/5500	80	210/1750	7/F	DC	9.86	-	8.0	6	161	Sep 24
Tiggo 7 Pro		5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 51 litres • 280/1 040 litres • Service Plan: 5 year / 60 000 km														
Good: Undercuts the Haval H6. Bad: Bland. Our choice: Executive. Replacement due: Premium models added. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Citroën C3 Aircross, Ford Territory, GAC Emkoo, Haval H6, Honda HR-V, Hyundai iCreta, Jaecoo J7, Kia Seltos, Mazda CX-3, MG HS, Peugeot 2008, Proton X50, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Corolla Cross, Volkswagen Tiguan																
	Tiggo 7 Pro 1.5T Distinction	399 900	7 930	4/1498	P-T	108/5500	-	210/1750	V/F	V	-	-	8.2	4	168	-
	Tiggo 7 Pro 1.5T Executive	444 900	8 810	4/1498	P-T	108/5500	75	210/1750	V/F	V	-	-	8.2	6	168	Oct 22
	Tiggo 7 Pro Max 1.6TGD1 290T Premium	469 900	9 300	4/1598	P-T	145/5500	-	290/1750	7/F	DC	8.0	-	8.4	4	163	-
	Tiggo 7 Pro Max 1.6TGD1 290T Premium AWD	569 900	11 260	4/1598	P-T	145/5500	-	290/1750	7/4	DC	8.0	-	9.4	7	186	-
	Tiggo 7 Pro Max 1.6TGD1 290T Distinction	529 900	10 470	4/1598	P-T	145/5500	-	290/1750	7/F	DC	8.0	-	8.4	8	163	-
	Tiggo 7 Pro Max 1.6TGD1 290T Executive	559 900	11 060	4/1598	P-T	145/5500	-	290/1750	7/F	DC	8.0	-	8.4	8	163	-
	Tiggo 7 Pro Max 1.6TGD1 290T Executive AWD	609 900	12 040	4/1598	P-T	145/5500	93	290/1750	7/4	DC	8.66	174	9.4	8	186	Mar 24
Tiggo 8 Pro		5-door SUV • Seats: 7 • Fuel tank: 51 litres (1.6T) 57 litres (2.0T) • Boot 72/360/1184 • Service Plan: 5 year / 60 000 km (1.6T) 7 year / 90 000 km (2.0T)														
Good: Luxurious interior and ride comfort. Bad: As always, brand perception about Chinese cars. Our choice: AWD. Replacement due: Executive + model added 2024 Q4. Also look at: Jetour X70 Plus, Mahindra Scorpio-N / XUV700, Mitsubishi Outlander, Proton X90, Volkswagen Tiguan Allspace																
	Tiggo 8 Pro 1.6TGD1 290T Executive +	499 900	9 890	4/1598	P-T	145/5500	-	290/1750	7/F	DC	8.9	190	8.6	6	172	-
	Tiggo 8 Pro 1.6TGD1 290T Executive	609 900	12 040	4/1598	P-T	145/5500	-	290/1750	7/F	DC	8.9	190	8.6	9	172	Jul 22
	Tiggo 8 Pro Max 2.0TGD1 390T Executive	669 900	13 210	4/1998	P-T	187/5500	112	390/1750	7/F	DC	7.82	200	9.12	9	180	Dec 23
	Tiggo 8 Pro Max 2.0TGD1 390T Executive AWD	731 900	14 430	4/1998	P-T	187/5500	-	390/1750	7/4	DC	-	-	10.4	10	200	-
Tiggo Cross		5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 51 litres • Boot 288/992 litres • Service Plan: 5 year / 60 000 km														
Good: Yet another strong Chery product. Bad: They waited long to enter a tough segment. Our choice: 1.5T Comfort. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q4. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, GAC GS3 Emzoom, Haval Jolion Pro, Honda Elevate, Hyundai Venue, Jetour Dashing, Kia Sonet, Mahindra XUV 3X0, Mazda CX-3, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Nissan Magnite, Omoda C5, Opel Mokka, Proton X50, Renault Duster, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Urban Cruiser / Corolla Cross, Volkswagen T-Cross																
	Tiggo Cross 1.5T Comfort	399 900	7 930	4/1498	P-T	108/5500	-	210/1750	6/F	DC	-	-	8.6	6	161	-
	Tiggo Cross 1.5 Elite	449 900	8 910	4/1498	P-T	108/5500	78	210/1750	6/F	DC	10.27	-	8.6	7	161	TBC

Citröen															www.citroen.co.za Telephone: 086 073 8472									
C3															5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 30 litres • Service Plan: 2 year / 30 000 km									
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: 12 Feel. Replacement due: Upgraded 2024 Q4. Plus and 12T Max auto added. Also look at: Hyundai Exter, Mahindra XUV 3X0, Nis san Magnite, Renault Kiger, Suzuki Ignis																								
	C3 1.2 Plus	249 900	5 000	3/1199	P	60/5750	-	115/3750	5/F	M	-	-	6.7	6	133	-								
	C3 1.2 Max	259 900	5 190	3/1199	P	60/5750	-	115/3750	5/F	M	-	-	6.7	6	133	-								
	C3 1.2T Max	299 900	5 970	3/1199	P-T	81/5500	-	205/1750	6/F	A	-	-	7.6	6	149	-								
C3 Aircross															5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 (Plus) 5 / 7 (Max) • Fuel tank: 45 litres • Boot 400/1 072 litres (5-seater) • Service Plan: 4 year / 60 000 km									
Good: Massive boot. Bad: Wind noise at freeway speed. Our choice: 7-Seater. Replacement due: Upgraded 2024 Q4. 12 Plus manual added. Also look at: For 5-seater: Chery Tiggo 4 Pro, Honda Elevate, Haval Jolion, Suzuki Grand Vitara. For 7-seater: Honda BR-V, Hyundai Alcazar, Mitsubishi Xpander																								
	C3 Aircross 1.2 Plus	274 900	5 480	3/1199	P	60/5750	-	115/3750	5/F	M	-	-	7.4	6	139	-								
	C3 Aircross 1.2T Max	361 900	7 190	3/1199	P-T	81/5500	64	205/1750	6/F	A	11.57	-	7.6	6	149	Oct 24								
	C3 Aircross 1.2T Max 7-Seater	371 900	7 380	3/1199	P-T	81/5500	-	205/1750	6/F	A	-	-	7.6	6	149	-								

Dayun

S5

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5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Service Plan: none

Good: Finally, a real affordable EV. **Bad:** Untested. **Our choice:** Untested. **Replacement due:** Intro 2024 Q3. **Also look at:** BYD Dolphin, GWM Ora Q3, MINI Cooper SE



SS Standard	399 900	7 930	electric	E	35	-	105	E/F	E	-	115	-	2	0	-
SS VIP	449 900	8 910	electric	E	35	-	105	E/F	E	-	115	-	2	0	-

Ferrari

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2-door Coupé / Cabriolet • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 92 litres • Service Plan: 7 year

12Cilindri

Good: A return to 12 cylinder form from Ferrari. **Bad:** Untested. **Our choice:** Untested. **Replacement due:** Intro 2024 Q3. **Also look at:** Lamborghini Revuelto



12Cilindri Coupé	10 495 000	205 470	V12/6496	P	611/9250	-	678/7250	8/R	DC	2.9	340+	-	6	-	-
12Cilindri Spider	11 495 000	225 040	V12/6496	P	611/9250	-	678/7250	8/R	DC	3.0	340+	-	6	-	-

Purosangue

5-door SUV • Seats: 4 • Fuel tank: 100 litres • Service Plan: 7 year

Good: A genuinely physics-bending SUV from the only people that can pull it off. **Bad:** Purists hate it. **Our choice:** Only one model. **Replacement due:** Intro 2023. **Also look at:** Aston Martin DBX, Bentley Bentayga, Lamborghini Urus, Rolls-Royce Cullinan



Purosangue	11 795 000	230 910	V12/6496	P	533/7750	-	716/6250	8/4	DC	3.3	310+	20.8	6	393	-
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GWM														
www.gwm.co.za Telephone: 011 884 8666														
5-Door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Service Plan: 5 year / 60 000 km														
Good: A welcome addition to compact crossover segment. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q3. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Chery Tiggo Cross, Ford Puma, Haval Jolion Pro, Honda HR-V, Mazda CX-3, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Omoda C5, Opel Mokka, Peugeot 2008, Proton X50, Renault Captur														
	GS3 Emzoom 1.5T Comfort	419 900	8 320	4/1497	P-T	130/5500	-	270/1400	7/F	DC	8.0	190	7.4	2 142 -
	GS3 Emzoom 1.5T Executive	439 900	8 710	4/1497	P-T	130/5500	-	270/1400	7/F	DC	8.0	190	7.4	4 142 -
	GS3 Emzoom 1.5T R Style	489 900	9 690	4/1497	P-T	130/5500	-	270/1400	7/F	DC	8.0	190	7.4	6 142 -

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5-Door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Boot 152/864 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: A worthy rival to the European EV set. Bad: A little more range is always welcome. Our choice: 300 Super Luxury. Replacement due: Intro 2023 Q4. Also look at: BYD Dolphin / Atto 3, Dayun S5, MINI Aceman, Volvo EX30														
	Ora 03 300 Super Luxury	686 950	13 550	electric	E	126	81	250	E/F	A	7.60	160	E	7 0 Dec 23
	Ora 03 400 Super Luxury	775 950	15 290	electric	E	126	-	250	E/F	A	8.4	-	E	7 0 -
	Ora 03 400 Ultra Luxury	805 950	15 880	electric	E	126	-	250	E/F	A	8.4	-	E	7 0 -
	Ora 03 400 GT Ultra Luxury	835 950	16 460	electric	E	126	-	250	E/F	A	8.5	-	E	7 0 -

P-Series Single / Double Cab Pick-Up • Seats: 2 (Single Cab) 5 (Double Cab) • Fuel tank: 78 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: A bak klie on a budget. Bad: Rough edges. Our choice: Only 1 engine derivative. Replacement due: Intro 2020 Q4. LS Black Edition added 2025 Q1. Also look at: Ford Ranger, Foton Tunland G7, Isuzu D-Max, JAC T8 / T9, LDV T60, Mitsubishi Triton, Nissan Navara, Peugeot Landtrek, Toyota Hilux, Volkswagen Amarok														
	P-Series 2.0TD Single Cab SX	413 050	8 190	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	6/R	M	-	-	11.5	2 259 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Single Cab SX 4x4	469 150	9 290	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	12.1	2 259 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Single Cab DLX	443 650	8 790	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	6/R	M	-	-	11.5	4 259 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab SX	444 650	8 810	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	6/R	M	-	-	10.8	2 259 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab SX auto	487 550	9 650	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	8/R	A	-	-	10.8	2 227 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab SX 4x4	497 750	9 850	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	11.3	2 259 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab SX 4x4 auto	535 450	10 580	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	8x2/2-4	A	-	-	11.3	2 244 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab LS	526 250	10 400	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	8/R	A	-	-	10.8	6 219 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab LS 4x4	577 250	11 400	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	8x2/2-4	A	-	-	11.4	6 246 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab LS Black Edition	526 250	10 400	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	8/R	A	-	-	10.8	6 219 -
	P-Series 2.0TD Double Cab LS Black Edition 4x4	577 250	11 400	4/1996	D-T	120/3600	-	400/1500	8x2/2-4	A	-	-	11.4	6 246 -

P300 Double Cab Pick-Up • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 78 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: Overall value. Bad: Ride comfort. Our choice: LT 4x4. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q1. (update of P-Series). Also look at: Ford Ranger, Foton Tunland G7, Isuzu D-Max, JAC T9, LDV T60, Mitsubishi Triton, Nissan Navara, Peugeot Landtrek, Toyota Hilux, Volkswagen Amarok														
	P300 2.4T Double Cab LT	599 900	11 840	4/2370	D-T	135/3600	-	480/1500	9/R	A	-	-	8.9	6 194 -
	P300 2.4T Double Cab LT 4x4	649 900	12 820	4/2370	D-T	135/3600	62	480/1500	9x2/2-4	A	10.68	-	9.6	6 208 Apr 25
	P300 2.4T Double Cab LTD 4x4	699 900	13 800	4/2370	D-T	135/3600	-	480/1500	9x2/2-4	A	-	-	9.8	7 216 -

P500 Double Cab Pick-Up • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 78 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: Masculine looks. Bad: Thirsty engines. Our choice: 2.4T Super Luxury. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q3. Also look at: BYD Shark 6, Ford Ranger, Isuzu D-Max, Jeep Gladiator, Toyota Hilux, Volkswagen Amarok														
	P500 2.4T Double Cab Luxury 4x4	799 900	15 760	4/2370	D-T	135/3600	-	480/1500	9x2/4	A	-	-	10.3	7 226 -
	P500 2.4T Double Cab Super Luxury 4x4	889 900	17 520	4/2370	D-T	135/3600	-	480/1500	9x2/4	A	-	-	10.3	7 226 -
	P500 2.0T HEV Double Cab Ultra Luxury 4x4	999 900	19 670	4/1998	P-T/H	255/5500	99	648/1700	9x2/4	A	8.38	-	11.8	7 225 Nov 24

Tank 300 5-Door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 78 litres (2.4T diesel) 80 litres (2.0T HEV) • Boot 360/912 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: A legitimate threat to the establishment. Bad: It's a tough segment. Our choice: 2.0T Ultra Luxury 4x4. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q1. 2.4T diesel added 2025 Q1. Also look at: BAIC B40 Plus, Haval H7, Jeep Wrangler Unlimited, Mahindra Scorpio-N														
	Tank 300 2.4T Super Luxury 4WD	699 900	13 800	4/2370	D-T	135/3600	-	480/1500	9x2/4	A	-	-	9.2	7 202 -
	Tank 300 2.4T Ultra Luxury 4WD	739 900	14 580	4/2370	D-T	135/3600	57	480/1500	9x2/4	A	11.32	-	9.2	7 202 Jun 25
	Tank 300 2.0T Super Luxury 4WD	725 950	14 310	4/1967	P-T	162/5500	-	380/1800	8x2/4	A	-	-	11.4	7 218 -
	Tank 300 2.0T Ultra Luxury 4WD	775 950	15 290	4/1967	P-T	162/5500	-	380/1800	8x2/4	A	-	-	11.4	7 218 -
	Tank 300 2.0T HEV Super Luxury 4WD	851 950	16 780	4/1998	P-T/H	255/5500	109	648/1700	9x2/4	A	8.80	-	10.1	7 196 Jul 24
	Tank 300 2.0T HEV Ultra Luxury 4WD	925 000	18 210	4/1998	P-T/H	255/5500	-	648/1700	9x2/4	A	-	-	10.1	7 196 -

Tank 500 5-Door SUV • Seats: 7 • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: All the bells and whistles. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Only 1 model. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q3. Also look at: Ford Everest, Hyundai Palisade, Jeep Grand Cherokee L, Kia Sorento, Land Rover Defender 110, Toyota Land Cruiser Prado, Volvo XC90														
	Tank 500 2.0T HEV Ultra Luxury 4WD	1 222 900	24 030	4/1998	P-T/H	255/5500	-	648/1700	9x2/4	A	8.3	-	10.2	7 199 -

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H6 5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 60 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Possibly the Luxury. Replacement due: Facelift due. Also look at: Chery Tiggo 8 Pro, Ford Territory, GAC Emkoo, Jaecoo J7, Kia Sportage, Mahindra Scorpio-N / XUV700, Mazda CX-5, MG HS, Nissan X-Trail, Proton X70, Subaru Forester, Toyota RAV4, Volkswagen Tiguan														
	H6 2.0GDIT Premium	492 050	9 730	4/1967	P-T	150/6000	-	320/1500	7/F	DC	-	-	8.9	6 169 -
	H6 2.0GDIT Luxury	537 050	10 620	4/1967	P-T	150/6000	-	320/1500	7/F	DC	-	-	8.9	6 169 -
	H6 2.0GDIT 4WD Luxury	569 350	11 250	4/1967	P-T	150/6000	-	320/1500	7/4	DC	-	-	10.0	6 190 -
	H6 2.0GDIT 4WD Super Luxury	610 750	12 060	4/1967	P-T	150/6000	-	320/1500	7/4	DC	-	-	10.0	6 190 -
	H6 1.5T HEV Ultra Luxury	679 950	13 410	4/1499	P-T/H	179	-	530	V/F	V	8.5	-	6.2	7 121 -

H6 GT 5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 60 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: Power to match its go-fast looks. Bad: But it's likely not much faster than regular H6s. AWD an unnecessary addition. Our choice: Only one model. Replacement due: Updated 2024 Q4. Also look at: BMW X2, Honda HR-V, Mazda CX-30, Subaru Crosstrek, VW T-Roc														
	H6 GT 2.0GDIT 4WD Super Luxury	662 250	13 060	4/1967	P-T	155/6000	-	325/1500	7/4	DC	-	-	10.1	6 193 -

H7 5-Door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 61 litres • Boot 292/1 160 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: Retro-inspired exterior design. Bad: Tough segment to compete in. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q1. Also look at: BAIC B40 Plus, GWM Tank 300, Mahindra Scorpio-N														
	H7 2.0T Luxury	601 950	11 880	4/1998	P-T	170/6000	-	380/1700	9/F	DC	-	-	9.7	6 186 -
	H7 2.0T 4WD Super Luxury	671 950	13 250	4/1998	P-T	170/6000	78	380/1700	9/4	DC	6.70	-	10.9	6 209 Apr 25
	H7 1.5T HEV Super Luxury	730 950	14 410	4/1499	P-T/H	179	-	530	V/F	V	-	-	6.8	6 131 -

Jolion 5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 55 litres • Boot 256/1 288 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km														
Good: Strong levels of spec. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q3. Also look at: Chery Tiggo 4 Pro, Citroën C3 Aircross, Honda Elevate, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Urban Cruiser														
	Jolion 1.5T City	345 950	6 870	4/1497	P-T	105/5600	-	210/2000	6/F	M	-	-	9.4	4 179 -
	Jolion 1.5T City Plus	370 950	7 360	4/1497	P-T	105/5600	-	210/2000	7/F	DC	-	-	9.7	4 186 -

Jolion Pro															5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 55 litres • Boot: 232/936 litres • Service Plan: 7 year / 75 000 km									
Good: Stylish addition to the segment. Bad: Laggy powertrain. Our choice: 1.5T Ultra Luxury. Replacement due: Intro mid 2024. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Chery Tiggo Cross, Ford Puma, GAC GS3 Emzoom, Hyundai Creta, Honda HR-V, Kia Seltos, Mazda CX-3, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Omoda C5, Opel Mokka, Peugeot 2008, Proton X50, Renault Captur, Toyota Corolla Cross, Volkswagen T-Cross																								
	Jolion Pro 1.5T Premium	391 150	7 760	4/1497	P-T	105/5600	-	210/2000	7/F	DC	-	-	9.7	4	186	-								
	Jolion Pro 1.5T Super Luxury	425 950	8 440	4/1497	P-T	105/5600	-	210/2000	7/F	DC	-	-	9.7	6	186	-								
	Jolion Pro 1.5T Ultra Luxury	462 950	9 160	4/1497	P-T	105/5600	72	210/2000	7/F	DC	10.48	-	9.7	6	186	Oct 24								
	Jolion Pro 1.5T S Ultra Luxury	495 950	9 810	4/1499	P-T	130/5500	-	270/1500	7/F	DC	-	-	9.0	6	173	-								
	Jolion Pro 1.5 HEV Ultra Luxury	516 950	10 220	4/1499	P/H	140	-	375	V/F	V	-	-	6.1	6	118	-								

Seltos																	5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 50 litres • Boot 256/1 072 litres • Service Plan: 4 year / 60 000 km									
Good: Modern styling and variety of model derivatives. Bad: Tough segment. Our choice: EX or EX+. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q2. LX added. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Chery Tiggo 7 Pro, Citroën C3 Aircross, Ford Puma, Haval Jolion Pro, Honda HR-V, Hyundai Creta, Mazda CX-3 / CX-30, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Opel Mokka, Peugeot 2008, Proton X50, Renault Duster / Captur, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Corolla Cross, Volkswagen T-Cross. Long-term test: April 2021 (1.5 CRDi EX+)																										
	Seltos 1.5 LX	467 995	9 260	4/1497	P	84/6300	-	144/4500	6/F	M	12.3	170	8.0	6	149	-										
	Seltos 1.5 LX auto	492 995	9 750	4/1497	P	84/6300	-	144/4500	V/F	V	12.3	170	7.6	6	154	-										
	Seltos 1.5CRDi LX	521 995	10 320	4/1493	D-T	85/4000	-	250/1500	6/F	A	12.0	175	6.2	6	145	-										
	Seltos 1.5 EX	532 995	10 530	4/1497	P	84/6300	-	144/4500	V/F	V	12.3	170	7.6	6	154	-										
	Seltos 1.5CRDi EX	561 995	11 100	4/1493	D-T	85/4000	-	250/1500	6/F	A	12.0	175	6.2	6	145	-										
	Seltos 1.5 EX+	570 995	11 280	4/1497	P	84/6300	-	144/4500	V/F	V	12.3	170	7.6	6	154	-										
	Seltos 1.5CRDi EX+	599 995	11 850	4/1493	D-T	85/4000	-	250/1500	6/F	A	12.0	175	6.2	6	145	-										
	Seltos 1.5T-GDi GT Line	626 995	12 370	4/1482	P-T	118/6000	86	253/1500	7/F	DC	8.45	195	7.4	6	141	Oct 24										

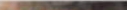
5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 45 litres • Boot 298/388 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / 45 000 km																
Sonet Good: Value for money, solid build quality Bad: Divisive styling, 1.5 engine lacks torque. Sluggish CVT. Our choice: 1.5 EX. Replacement due: Facelifted mid 2024. LS added. Also look at: Chery Tiggo 4 Pro / Tiggo Cross, Honda Elevate, Hyundai Venue, Mahindra XUV 3X0, MG ZS, Nissan Magnite, Renault Kiger, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Urban Cruiser, Volkswagen T-Cross. Long-term test: May 21 (1.5 EX)																
	Sonet 1.5 LS	299 995	5 980	4/1497	P	85/6300	-	144/4500	6/F	M	10.5	175	7.9	2	160	-
	Sonet 1.5 LS auto	324 995	6 460	4/1497	P	85/6300	-	144/4500	V/F	V	10.3	175	7.4	2	148	-
	Sonet 1.5 LX	366 995	7 290	4/1497	P	85/6300	-	144/4500	6/F	M	10.5	175	7.9	2	160	-
	Sonet 1.5 LX auto	391 995	7 780	4/1497	P	85/6300	73	144/4500	V/F	V	9.25	175	7.4	2	148	Nov 24
	Sonet 1.5 EX	411 995	8 170	4/1497	P	85/6300	-	144/4500	V/F	V	10.3	175	7.4	2	148	Feb 22
	Sonet 1.0T-GDi EX	436 995	8 660	3/998	P-T	88/6000	-	172/1500	7/F	DC	-	180	7.0	2	133	-
	Sonet 1.5 EX+	454 995	9 010	4/1497	P	85/6300	-	144/4500	V/F	V	10.3	175	7.4	6	148	-
	Sonet 1.5 SX	484 995	9 600	4/1497	P	85/6300	-	144/4500	V/F	V	10.3	175	7.4	6	148	-

Sorento																5-door SUV • Seats: 7 • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Maintenance Plan: 6 year / 90 000 km									
Good: Spacious. Bad: Some competitors better off-road. Our choice: AWD EX+. Replacement due: Facelift due. Also look at: Ford Everest, GWM Tank 500, Honda CR-V, Hyundai Palisade, Isuzu mu-X, Mazda CX-60, Mitsubishi Pajero Sport, Toyota Fortuner																									
	Sorento 2.2CRDi EX+		948 995	18 680	4/2151	D-T	148/3800	-	440/1750	8/F	DC	10.7	190	7.3	6	177	-								
	Sorento 2.2CRDi AWD EX+		988 995	19 460	4/2151	D-T	148/3800	-	440/1750	8/4	DC	10.7	190	7.3	6	177	-								
	Sorento 2.2CRDi AWD SX		1 053 995	20 730	4/2151	D-T	148/3800	-	440/1750	8/4	DC	10.7	190	7.3	6	177	-								
	Sorento 2.2CRDi AWD SXL		1 133 995	22 300	4/2151	D-T	148/3800	-	440/1750	8/4	DC	10.7	190	7.3	6	177	-								

5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 54 litres • Boot: 240/1 024 litres • Service Plan: 6 year / 90 000 km																
Sportage Good: Strong value. Bad: Very little. Replacement due: LX and EX upgraded. Also look at: Ford Territory, GAC Emkoo, Haval H6, Omoda C9, Proton X70, Toyota RAV4, VW Tiguan																
	Sportage 1.6CRDi LX	662 995	13 080	4/1598	D-T	100/4000	66	320/2000	7/F	DC	10.11	180	6.0	6	129	Feb 24
	Sportage 1.6CRDi EX	716 995	14 140	4/1598	D-T	100/4000	-	320/2000	7/F	DC	11.4	180	6.0	6	129	-
	Sportage 1.6T-GDi GT Line	738 995	14 570	4/1598	P-T	132/5500	-	265/1500	7/F	DC	8.8	201	7.6	6	149	-
	Sportage 1.6T-GDi GT Line Plus	766 995	15 110	4/1598	P-T	132/5500	-	265/1500	7/F	DC	8.8	201	7.6	6	149	-
	Sportage 1.6CRDi GT Line Plus	790 995	15 580	4/1598	D-T	100/4000	-	320/2000	7/F	DC	11.4	180	6.0	6	129	-
	Sportage 1.6T-GDi GT Line S	823 995	16 230	4/1598	P-T	132/5500	-	265/1500	7/F	DC	8.8	201	7.6	6	149	-

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Revuelto																2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: TBA • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)															
Good: The first Lambo to adopt a hybrid powertrain. Bad: All-wheel drive not the purest experience. Our choice: Only one model. Replacement due: Intro 2023. Also look at: Ferrari 12Cilindri																															
	Revuelto	12 800 000	250 580	V12/6499	P/H	747/9250	-	725+e/6750	8/4	DC	2.5	350+	14.3	4	276	-															

2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: TBA • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)																
Temerario Good: Groundbreaking powertrain. Bad: Some might lament the loss of the V10. Our choice: Only one model. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q4. Also look at: Aston Martin Vantage, Maserati MC20, McLaren Artura																
	Temerario	7 525 000	147 360	V8/3995	P-T/H	677	-	730+e	8/4	DC	2.7	343	TBA	4	TBA	-

Urus

5-door SUV • Seats: 5/4 • Fuel tank: 85 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: Probably the most sporty SUV to date. Bad: Pricey. Our choice: Only one engine model. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q4. SE plug-in hybrid added. Also look at: Aston Martin DBX, Audi RSQ8, Bentley Bentayga, BMW X6 M, Ferrari Purosangue, Mercedes-AMG GLE, Porsche Cayenne turbo GT

	Urus SE	4 875 000	95 500	V8/3995	P-T/H	588	-	950	8/4	A	3.4	312	2.5	6	51	-

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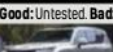
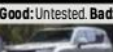
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Defender35-door SUV • Seats: 5/opt6/7(90) 5/opt6/7(110) 5 (90/110 V8, 130 Outbound) 8/opt 5/7 (other 130) • Fuel tank: 89 (D250/D350) 90 litres (P400, P400e, V8) • Boot: 408/1 704 litres (Defender 110) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km															
Good: Brilliant design. Capable off-road. Bad: Pricey. Our choice: Cheaper models make more sense. Replacement due: 110 Octa added. Also look at: For Defender 90: no other 3-do or SUV available. For Defender 110 / 130: Audi Q7, BMW X5 / X7, GWM Tank 500, Ineos Grenadier, Jeep Wrangler Unlimited / Grand Cherokee, Lexus GX, Mercedes GLE / G-Class, Toyota Land Cruiser Prado, Volkswagen Touareg, Volvo XC90															

	Defender 90 D250 S	1 639 600	32 190	i6/2997	D-T	183/4000	-	570/1250	8x2/4	A	8.0	188	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 90 D250 S County	1 681 900	33 020	i6/2997	D-T	183/4000	-	570/1250	8x2/4	A	8.0	188	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 90 D250 X-Dynamic SE	1 699 700	33 370	i6/2997	D-T	183/4000	-	570/1250	8x2/4	A	8.0	188	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 90 D350 X-Dynamic HSE	1 870 700	36 710	i6/2997	D-T	257/4000	-	700/1500	8x2/4	A	6.2	191	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 90 P400 X-Dynamic HSE	1 897 600	37 240	i6/2997	P-T	294/5500	-	550/2000	8x2/4	A	6.0	191	11.9	6	230	-
	Defender 90 D350 X	2 108 600	41 370	i6/2997	D-T	257/4000	-	700/1500	8x2/4	A	6.2	191	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 90 P400 X	2 126 600	41 720	i6/2997	P-T	294/5500	-	550/2000	8x2/4	A	6.0	191	11.9	6	230	-
	Defender 90 V8	2 924 300	57 330	V8/5000	P-S	386/6000	152	625/2500	8x2/4	A	5.37	240	15.4	6	295	Jan 23

	Defender 110 D250 S	1 669 100	32 770	i6/2997	D-T	183/4000	-	570/1250	8x2/4	A	8.3	188	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 110 D250 S County	1 711 400	33 590	i6/2997	D-T	183/4000	-	570/1250	8x2/4	A	8.3	188	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 110 D250 X-Dynamic SE	1 732 400	34 000	i6/2997	D-T	183/4000	-	570/1250	8x2/4	A	8.3	188	10.0	6	218	-
	Defender 110 D350 X-Dynamic HSE	1 904 600	37 370	i6/2997	D-T	257/4000	-	700/1500	8x2/4	A	6.4	191	10.2	6	222	-
	Defender 110 P400 X-Dynamic HSE	1 929 300	37 860	i6/2997	P-T	294/5500	-	550/2000	8x2/4	A	6.1	191	11.9	6	230	-
	Defender 110 P400e X-Dynamic HSE	2 261 200	44 350	4/1997	P-T/H	297/5500	-	640	8x2/4	A	5.6	191	3.4	6	78	-
	Defender 110 D350 Sedona Edition	2 060 300	40 420	i6/2997	D-T	257/4000	-	700/1500	8x2/4	A	6.4	209	10.2	6	222	-
	Defender 110 D350 X	2 179 900	42 760	i6/2997	D-T	257/4000	-	700/1500	8x2/4	A	6.4	191	10.2	6	222	-
	Defender 110 P400 X	2 210 200	43 350	i6/2997	P-T	294/5500	-	550/2000	8x2/4	A	6.1	191	11.9	6	230	-
	Defender 110 P400e X	2 337 500	45 850	4/1997	P-T/H	297/5500	-	640	8x2/4	A	5.6	191	3.4	6	78	-
	Defender 110 V8	3 054 100	59 870	V8/5000	P-S	386/6000	-	625/2500	8x2/4	A	5.4	240	15.4	6	295	-
	Defender 110 Octa	3 499 100	68 580	V8/4395	P-T	467/6000	-	800/1800	8x2/4	A	4.0	250	16.2	6	301	-
Defender 110 Octa Edition One	3 749 100	73 470	V8/4395	P-T	467/6000	-	800/1800	8x2/4	A	4.0	TBA	16.2	6	301	-	

Lexus

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4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 60 litres (ES 250) 50 litres (300h) • Boot: 352 litres (250 EX) • Maintenance Plan: 7 year / 105 000 km																
	Good: Cabin, subtle ride quality and price. Bad: Lacks powerful derivative. Replacement due: Facelifted 2021 Q4. Also look at: Audi A6, BMW 5 Series, Mercedes-Benz E-Class															
	ES 250 EX	834 800	16 440	4/2494	P	152/6600	95	243/4000	8/F	A	9.20	210	7.9	10	150	Dec 18
	ES 300h EX	907 100	17 860	4/2494	P/H	160	-	221+e	W/F	V	8.9	180	5.5	10	104	-
	ES 300h SE	1 116 300	21 950	4/2494	P/H	160	-	221+e	W/F	V	8.9	180	5.5	10	104	-
5-door SUV • Seats: 5 (Overtrail) 7 (SE) • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Maintenance Plan: 7 year / 100 000 km																
	Good: Most off-road ready Lexus ever. Bad: No diesel option. Our choice: Overtrail. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q1. Also look at: Ineos Grenadier, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Land Rover Defender110, Toyota Land Cruiser Prado															
	GX 550 Overtrail	1 766 000	34 660	V6/3445	P-T	260/4800	-	650/2000	10/4	A	7.0	175	14.8	8	279	-
	GX 550 SE	1 829 000	35 900	V6/3445	P-T	260/4800	-	650/2000	10/4	A	7.0	175	14.8	8	279	-
4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 66 litres • Boot: 328/896 litres • Maintenance Plan: 7 year / 105 000 km																
	Good: Lexus reliability, ride quality and specification level. Bad: Tight cockpit; needs performance model. Our choice: F Sport. Replacement due: Facelifted 2021 Q1. Mode Black added 2025 Q1. Also look at: Audi A4, BMW 3 Series, Mercedes-Benz CLA / C-Class, Subaru WRX															
	IS 300h SE	1 091 200	21 460	4/2494	P/H	164	-	221+e	W/R	V	8.7	200	6.2	10	122	Oct 21
	IS 300h F Sport Mode Black	1 211 900	23 820	4/2494	P/H	164	-	221+	W/R	V	8.7	200	6.2	10	122	-
5-door SUV • Seats: 5 (F Sport) 7 (Overtrail) 4 (VIP) • Fuel tank: 110 litres (500d) 98 litres (700h) • Maintenance Plan: 7 year / 100 000 km																
	Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: 500d F Sport. Replacement due: Overtrail and 700h added. Also look at: Audi Q7, BMW X7, Land Rover Range Rover Sport / Range Rover, Mercedes-Benz GLS / Maybach GLS, Toyota Land Cruiser 300															
	LX 500d F Sport	2 557 500	50 150	V6/3346	D-T	225/4000	-	700/1600	10/4	A	-	210	10.0	8	220	-
	LX 500d Overtrail	2 577 400	50 540	V6/3346	D-T	225/4000	-	700/1600	10/4	A	-	210	10.0	8	220	-
	LX 700h F Sport	2 666 500	52 280	V6/3445	P-T/H	341/5200	-	790	10/4	A	-	210	12.0	8	227	-
	LX 700h Overtrail	2 703 600	53 010	V6/3445	P-T/H	341/5200	-	790	10/4	A	-	210	12.0	8	227	-
	LX 700h VIP	3 092 100	60 610	V6/3445	P-T/H	341/5200	-	790	10/4	A	-	210	12.0	10	227	-
5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 55 litres • Boot: 320/968 litres • Maintenance Plan: 7 year / 105 000 km																
	Good: Competitors beware. Bad: Not much to complain about. Our choice: 350h EX. Replacement due: 450h+ added. Also look at: Alfa Romeo Stelvio, Audi Q5, BMW X3, Land Rover Range Rover Evoque, Maserati Grecale, Mercedes GLC, Porsche Macan, Volvo XC60															
	NX 250 EX	996 700	19 610	4/2494	P	152/6600	-	243/4000	8/4	A	9.1	200	8.5	7	161	-
	NX 350h EX	1 039 700	20 450	4/2494	P/H	179	-	239+e	W/4	V	7.7	200	6.0	7	114	-
	NX 350h SE	1 209 300	23 770	4/2494	P/H	179	-	239+e	W/4	V	7.7	200	6.0	7	114	-
	NX 350h F Sport	1 238 000	24 330	4/2494	P/H	179	-	239+e	W/4	V	7.7	200	6.0	7	114	-
	NX 350 F Sport	1 237 000	24 310	4/2393	P-T	205/6000	-	430/1700	8/4	A	7.0	200	9.7	7	185	-
	NX 450h+ F Sport	1 376 300	27 040	4/2487	P/H	227	112	227+e	W/4	V	6.15	200	1.6	7	29	Nov 24
	NX 450h+ F Sport Black Edition	1 817 800	35 680	/2393	P-T/H	273	-	460+e	6/4	A	6.2	210	7.8	10	148	-
5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 67.5 litres (RX 350) 55 litres (450h+) 65 litres (350h / 500h) • Boot: 384/1 160 litres • Maintenance Plan: 7 year / 105 000 km																
	Good: Much-needed update. Bad: 350h a bit asthmatic. Our choice: 350 F Sport. Replacement due: Intro 2023 Q1. 500h Black Edition added. Also look at: Alfa Romeo Tonale, Audi Q2, BMW X2, Mercedes-Benz GLA, Mini Countryman, Subaru Crosstrek, Volvo XC40															
	RX 350	1 471 900	28 910	4/2393	P-T	205/6000	-	430/1700	8/4	A	7.6	200	10.4	10	197	-
	RX 350h	1 522 300	29 890	4/2494	P/H	184	-	239+e	W/4	V	7.9	200	6.5	10	123	-
	RX 350 F Sport	1 594 600	31 310	4/2393	P-T	205/6000	-	430/1700	8/4	A	7.6	200	10.4	10	197	-
	RX 450h+	1 666 900	32 720	4/2494	P/H	227	-	227+e	W/4	V	6.5	200	1.6	10	29	-
	RX 500h F Sport	1 762 500	34 590	4/2393	P-T/H	273	127	460+e	6/4	A	5.99	210	7.80	10	148	Mar 24
	RX 500h F Sport Black Edition	1 817 800	35 680	/2393	P-T/H	273	-	460+e	6/4	A	6.2	210	7.8	10	148	-
5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 43 litres • Boot: 192-832 litres • Maintenance Plan: 7 year / 105 000 km																
	Good: Unique design and high specification level. Bad: Drivetrain might not be to all tastes. Our choice: EX. Replacement due: 300h added. Also look at: Alfa Romeo Tonale, Audi Q2, BMW X2, Mercedes-Benz GLA, Mini Countryman, Subaru Crosstrek, Volvo XC40															
	UX 300h EX	920 000	18 110	4/1987	P/H	146	-	188+e	W/F	V	8.1	177	5.0	8	96	-
	UX 300h SE	996 600	19 610	4/1987	P/H	146	-	188+e	W/F	V	8.1	177	5.0	8	96	-
	UX 300h F Sport	1 066 300	20 970	4/1987	P/H	146	-	188+e	W/F	V	8.1	177	5.0	8	96	-

Lotus

Eletre																5-door SUV • Seats: 4/5 • Service Plan: 3 year / unlimited km							
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro mid 2024. Also look at: BMW iX, Lexus RZ, Mercedes EQS SUV																							
	Eletre S	POA	POA	electric	E	450	-	710	E/4	E	4.5	258	E	7	0	-							
	Eletre R	POA	POA	electric	E	675	251	985	E/4	E	3.34	265	E	7	0	TBC							
Emira																2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 52 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / unlimited km							
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro mid 2024. Also look at: BMW M2 / M4 Coupé, Porsche 718 Cayman, Toyota GR Supra																							
	Emira i4 Turbocharged First Edition	POA	POA	4/1991	P-T	268/6600	-	430/3000	8/R	DC	4.4	275	10.9	4	208	-							
	Emira V6 Supercharged First Edition	POA	POA	V6/3456	P-S	298/TBA	-	420/TBA	6/R	A	4.3	290	13.6	4	258	-							
	Emira V6 Supercharged First Edition auto	POA	POA	V6/3456	P-S	298/TBA	-	430/TBA	6/R	A	4.3	290	13.6	4	258	-							

Mahindra

Pik Up																
Single / Double Cab Pick-Up • Seats: 2 (Single Cab) 4/5 (Double Cab) • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Payload: 995 kg • Service Plan: Optional 5 year / 90 000 km (\$4) 5 year / 90 000 km (\$6, \$10, \$11)																
Good: Still tough and now offering frugal consumption. Bad: More agricultural than some rivals. Our choice: Double Cab for ultimate practicality. Replacement due: Single Cab Karoo and Double Cab Karoo Dew added. Also look at: Isuzu D-Max Gen 6, JAC T6, LDV T60. Long-term test: June 2019 (DC 4x4 S10)																
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Single Cab S4	283 999	5 660	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	M	-	-	9.5	-	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Single Cab S4 4x4	325 999	6 480	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	9.5	-	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Single Cab S6	342 999	6 820	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Single Cab 4x4 S6	393 999	7 810	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Single Cab S6 Karoo	422 999	8 380	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	M	-	-	9.2	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Single Cab 4x4 S6 Karoo	461 999	9 150	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S6	408 999	8 110	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S6 auto	434 999	8 620	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	A	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S6 Karoo	429 999	8 520	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S6 Karoo auto	460 999	9 130	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	A	-	-	11.2	2	247	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S6	448 999	8 890	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	9.5	2	211	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S6 auto	473 999	9 380	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	A	-	-	11.2	2	247	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S6 Karoo	469 999	9 300	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S6 Karoo auto	500 999	9 910	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	A	-	-	11.2	2	247	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S10	440 999	8 730	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S10 Karoo	460 999	9 130	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S10	480 999	9 520	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	50	320/1500	6x2/2-4	M	14.63	-	9.5	2	210	Feb 18
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S10 Karoo	500 999	9 910	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	9.5	2	210	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S11	475 999	9 420	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	A	-	-	11.2	2	247	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab S11 Karoo	507 999	10 050	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6/R	A	-	-	11.2	2	247	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S11	515 999	10 200	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	A	-	-	11.2	2	247	-
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S11 Karoo	547 999	10 830	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	48	320/1500	6x2/2-4	A	15.66	-	11.2	2	247	Aug 20
	Pik Up 2.2CRDe Double Cab 4x4 S11 Karoo Dew	642 999	12 690	4/2179	D-T	103/3750	-	320/1500	6x2/2-4	A	-	-	11.2	2	247	-

McLaren

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2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 66 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / unlimited km														
Good: First McLaren sportscar with a V6. Bad: Some may look down on the six-cylinder soundtrack. Our choice: Just one model. Replacement due: Intro 2022. Also look at: Aston Martin Vantage, Lamborghini Temerari, Maserati MC20														
	Artura	POA	POA	V6/2993	P-T/H	500/7500	-	720/2250	8/R	DC	3.0	330	5.5	4 104 -
2-door Coupé / Convertible • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 72 litres • Boot: 208 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / unlimited km														
Good Now even closer to being a mini-hypercar. Bad: Very little. Our choice: 750S Coupe. Replacement due: 750S Spider added. Also look at: Porsche 911 turbo / turbo S														
	750S Coupé	POA	POA	V8/3994	P-T	552/7500	-	800/5500	7/R	DC	2.8	332	14.6	4 276 -
	750S Spider	POA	POA	V8/3994	P-T	552/7500	-	800/5500	7/R	DC	2.8	332	14.6	4 276 -

2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 72 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / unlimited km														
Good: McLaren's most touring-oriented product to date. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Only one model. Replacement due: GTS added. Also look at: Aston Martin Vantage / DB12, Bentley Continental GT, Maserati GranTurismo														
	GTS	POA	POA	V8/3994	P-T	456/7500	-	630/5500	7/R	DC	3.2	326	13.0	4 245 -

Mercedes-Benz / Mercedes-AMG / Mercedes-Maybach

A-Class Sedan / Hatch															
5-door Hatch / 4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 43 litres (A200/A200d) 51 litres (A35, A45) • Boot: 240/696 litres (Hatch) 296/912 litres (Sedan) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km															
Good: Class-leading infotainment and connectivity systems. Bad: Remains a compact cabin. Our choice: A200 Sedan AMG Line. Replacement due: Facelifted 2023 Q1. A45 S AMG Limited Edition added. Also look at: For Hatch: Audi A3, BMW 1 Series, Volkswagen Golf. For Sedan: Audi A3 / RS3 Sedan, BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé, Honda Civic Sedan, Lexus IS, Subaru WRX															
	A200 Hatch Progressive	813 124	16 020	4/1332	P-T	130/5500	-	270/2000	7/F	DC	8.2	225	7.6	7 155	-
	A200 Hatch AMG Line	813 124	16 020	4/1332	P-T	130/5500	-	270/2000	7/F	DC	8.2	225	7.6	7 155	-
	A200 Sedan Progressive	889 524	17 510	4/1332	P-T	130/5500	-	270/2000	7/F	DC	8.3	230	7.4	7 153	-
	A200 Sedan AMG Line	919 224	18 090	4/1332	P-T	130/5500	-	270/2000	7/F	DC	8.3	230	7.4	7 153	-
	A200d Sedan Progressive	961 364	18 920	4/1950	D-T	110/3400	-	320/1400	8/F	DC	8.4	227	5.4	7 122	-
	A200d Sedan AMG Line	991 064	19 500	4/1950	D-T	110/3400	-	320/1400	8/F	DC	8.4	227	5.4	7 122	-
	AMG A35 Sedan 4Matic	1 158 228	22 770	4/1991	P-T	235/5800	-	400/3000	8/4	DC	4.8	250	8.8	7 176	-
	AMG A35 Hatch 4Matic	1 270 598	24 970	4/1991	P-T	235/5800	141	400/3000	8/4	DC	5.21	250	8.9	7 180	Mar 24
	AMG A45 S Hatch 4Matic+	1 424 390	27 980	4/1991	P-T	310/6750	-	500/5000	8/4	DC	4.10	270	10.7	7 210	Jan 24
	AMG A45 S Hatch 4Matic+ 45 S Limited Edition	1 837 590	36 060	4/1991	P-T	310/6750	-	500/5000	8/4	DC	3.9	270	10.7	7 210	-

4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 66 litres • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro 2024 Q1. AMG E53 due. Also look at: Audi A6, BMW 5 Series, Lexus ES														
	E200 Avantgarde	1 312 878	25 800	4/1999	P-T	167/5800	-	320/1600	9/R	A	7.5	240	8.6	7 163 -
	E200 AMG Line	1 417 878	27 850	4/1999	P-T	167/5800	-	320/1600	9/R	A	7.5	240	8.6	7 163 -
	E220d Avantgarde	1 404 831	27 590	4/1993	D-T	162/3600	-	440/1800	9/R	A	7.6	238	6.0	7 129 -
	E220d AMG Line	1 509 831	29 650	4/1993	D-T	162/3600	-	440/1800	9/R	A	7.6	238	6.0	7 129 -

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: EV power finally comes to compact cars. Bad: Too expensive to lure the mass market. Our choice: Only one drivetrain model. Replacement due: Facelift due. Also look at: BMW iX1, BYD Atto 3, MINI Countryman SE, Volvo EX30 / XC40 Recharge / C40														
	EQA250 Progressive	1 179 400	23 180	electric	E	140	70	370	E/F	E	8.6	160	E	7 0 Apr 23
	EQA250 AMG Line	1 232 400	24 220	electric	E	140	-	385	E/F	E	8.6	160	E	7 0 -

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 (opt 7) • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km														
Good: Right-sized proportions; better performance than EQA. Bad: Even non-EV GLB is extremely niche. Our choice: Only one drivetrain model. Replacement due: Intro 2022 Q3. Also look at: BMW iX1, MINI Countryman SE, Volvo XC40 Recharge														
	EQB350 4Matic Progressive	1 384 300	27 190	electric	E	215	-	520	E/4	E	6.2	160	E	7 0 -
	EQB350 4Matic AMG Line	1 437 300	28 230	electric	E	215	104	520	E/4	E	5.79	160	E	7 0 Apr 23

EQE Sedan															4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Maintenance Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km									
Good: It's a baby EQS. Bad: Rivals feel more athletic. Our choice: AMG EQE43. Replacement due: Intro mid 2023. Also look at: Audi RS e-tron GT, BYD Seal, BMW i4 / i5, Porsche Taycan																								
	EQE350+ Sedan	1 727 951	33 920	electric	E	215	-	565	E/R	E	6.4	210	E	7	0	-								
	EQE350+ Sedan AMG Line	1 866 151	36 620	electric	E	215	-	565	E/R	E	6.4	210	E	7	0	-								
	AMG EQE43 4Matic Sedan	2 271 451	44 550	electric	E	350	-	858	E/4	E	4.2	210	E	7	0	-								

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Corsa

5-door Hatch • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 40 litres (Lite, Edition) 44 litres (GS Line) • Boot 196/624 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / 45 000 km

Good: Modern styling and possibly frugal engine. Bad: No longer new. Our choice: GS Line. Replacement due: Facelifted mid 2024. Also look at: Honda Fit, Hyundai i20, Mazda Mazda2, Renault Clio, Suzuki Baleno, Toyota Starlet, Volkswagen Polo

	Corsa 1.2T Lite	379 500	7 530	3/1199	P-T	74/5500	-	205/1750	6/F	M	9.9	194	6.8	6	130	-
	Corsa 1.2T Edition	398 500	7 900	3/1199	P-T	74/5500	-	205/1750	6/F	M	9.9	194	6.8	6	130	-
	Corsa 1.2T GS Line	469 500	9 290	3/1199	P-T	96/5500	83	230/1750	6/F	A	9.05	208	7.6	6	143	Oct 24

Mokka

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 44 litres • Service Plan: 4 year / 60 000 km

Good: Unique features. Bad: Cookie cutter personality. Our choice: GS Line. Replacement due: Intro 2022. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Chery Tiggo Cross, Ford Puma, GAC G53 Emzoom, Haval Jolion Pro, Honda HR-V, Mada CX-3, Peugeot 2008, Renault Captur, Proton X50, Volkswagen T-Cross / Taigo

	Mokka 1.2T Edition	509 500	10 070	3/1199	P-T	96/5500	-	230/1750	8/F	A	9.2	200	7.3	6	139	-
	Mokka 1.2T GS Line	564 900	11 160	3/1199	P-T	96/5500	76	230/1750	8/F	A	9.78	200	7.3	6	139	Sep 22

Zafira

5-door MPV • Seats: 9 (Enjoy) 8 (Edition) 7 (Elegance) • Fuel tank: 70 litres • Service Plan: 5 year / 100 000 km

Good: Enormous. Bad: Pretty basic interior. Our choice: Edition. Replacement due: Enjoy model added. Also look at: Ford Tourneo Custom, Foton View, Hyundai Staria, Kia Carnival, Mercedes-Benz Vito, Toyota Quantum, Volkswagen Transporter Kombi

	Zafira Life 2.0TD Enjoy	739 900	14 580	4/1997	D-T	110/4000	-	370/2000	8/F	A	-	-	7.6	4	165	-
	Zafira Life 2.0TD Edition	849 900	16 740	4/1997	D-T	110/4000	-	370/2000	8/F	A	-	-	7.6	4	165	-
	Zafira Life 2.0TD Elegance	979 900	19 280	4/1997	D-T	110/4000	-	370/2000	8/F	A	-	-	7.6	4	165	-

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2008

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 44 litres • Boot: 184/864 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / 60 000 km

Good: Solid cabin and stylish interior and exterior. Bad: Modern cabin might not be to all tastes. Our choice: Any. Replacement due: Facelift due 2025. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Chery Tiggo 7 Pro, Citroën C3 Aircross, Ford Puma, GAC G53 Emzoom, Haval Jolion Pro, Honda HR-V, Hyundai Venue, Kia Sonet, Mazda CX-3 / CX-30, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Omada C5, Opel Mokka, Proton X50, Renault Duster / Captur, Toyota Corolla Cross, Volkswagen T-Cross / Taigo

	2008 1.2T Active	484 900	9 590	3/1199	P-T	96/5500	-	230/1750	6/F	A	9.1	198	7.8	6	148	-
	2008 1.2T Allure	519 900	10 280	3/1199	P-T	96/5500	-	230/1750	6/F	A	9.1	198	7.8	6	148	-
	2008 1.2T GT	577 900	11 410	3/1199	P-T	96/5500	75	230/1750	6/F	A	10.46	198	7.8	6	148	May 21

Landtrek

Single Cab / Double Cab Pick-Up • Seats: 2 (Single Cab) 5 (Double Cab) • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Service Plan: Optional (Professional, Active) 5 year / 100 000 km (Allure, 4Action)

Good: Affordable double cab entry point. Bad: Some quality issues. Our choice: 4Action 4x4. Replacement due: Single Cab and lower-spec Double Cabs added 2024 Q4. Also look at: Ford Ranger, Foton Tunland G7, GWM P-Series / P300, Isuzu D-Max, JAC T8 / T9, LDV T60, Mitsubishi Triton, Nissan Navara, Toyota Hilux, Volkswagen Amarok

	Landtrek 1.9TD Single Cab Professional	388 900	7 720	4/1910	D-T	110/4000	-	350/1800	6/R	M	-	-	8.5	2	186	-
	Landtrek 1.9TD Double Cab Professional	454 900	9 010	4/1910	D-T	110/4000	-	350/1800	6/R	M	-	-	8.5	2	186	-
	Landtrek 1.9TD Double Cab Active 4x4	545 900	10 790	4/1910	D-T	110/4000	-	350/1800	6x2/2-4	M	-	-	9.0	4	197	-
	Landtrek 1.9TD Double Cab Allure	640 900	12 650	4/1910	D-T	110/4000	-	350/1800	6/R	A	14.9	172	10.7	6	235	-
	Landtrek 1.9TD Double Cab 4Action 4x4	730 900	14 410	4/1910	D-T	110/4000	53	350/1800	6x2/2-4	A	10.92	171	14.33	6	239	May 22

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718 Boxster / 718 Spyder

2-door Convertible • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 64 litres (GTS) / 54 litres (RS) • Boot: 136 litres front + 80 litres rear • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: Outstanding mid-engine roadster that is relatively affordable. Bad: Expensive optional extras. Our choice: GTS 4.0 manual. Replacement due: Spyder RS added. Also look at: BMW Z4, MG Cyberster

	718 Boxster GTS 4.0	2 170 000	42 570	H6/3995	P	294/7000	-	420/5000	6/R	M	4.5	293	13.0	6	246	-
	718 Boxster GTS 4.0 auto	2 170 000	42 570	H6/3995	P	294/7000	-	430/5500	7/R	DC	4.0	288	11.5	6	219	-
	718 Spyder RS	3 480 000	68 200	H6/3995	P	368/8400	-	450/6750	7/R	DC	3.4	308	15.5	6	295	-

718 Cayman

2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 64 litres (GTS) / 54 litres (RS) • Boot: 232 litres front + 72 litres rear • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: Taut chassis, superb handling. Bad: Meagre specification. Our choice: GTS 4.0 manual. Replacement due: GT4 RS added. Also look at: BMW M240i / M2 / M4 Coupé, Lotus Emira, Toyota GR Supra

	718 Cayman GTS 4.0	2 133 000	41 840	H6/3995	P	294/7000	-	420/5000	6/R	M	4.5	293	13.0	6	246	-
	718 Cayman GTS 4.0 auto	2 133 000	41 840	H6/3995	P	294/7000	-	430/5500	7/R	DC	4.0	288	11.5	6	219	-
	718 Cayman GT4 RS	3 480 000	68 200	H6/3995	P	368/8400	-	450/6750	7/R	DC	3.4	315	15.2	6	289	-

911

2-door Coupé / Cabriolet / Targa • Seats: 2 (most Coupé) 2+2 (Cabrio, targa) • Fuel tank: 63 (Carrera, targa) 64 (GT3) 67 litres (turbo / turbo S) • Boot: 112 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year (Opt 5) / 100 000 km

Good: The ultimate sports car. Bad: Increasingly difficult to distinguish between different generations. Our choice: 911 GT3. Replacement due: Carrera / targa / GT3 facelifted [excl. GT3 RS]. Carrera T and Carrera S added. Also look at: Aston Martin Vantage, Bentley Continental GT / GTC, BMW M4 / M8, Maserati GranTurismo, Mercedes-AMG SL

	911 Carrera Coupé	2 660 000	52 160	H6/2981	P-T	290	186	450	8/R	DC	3.70	294	12.7	6	241	Jan 25
	911 Carrera Cabriolet	2 930 000	57 440	H6/2981	P-T	290	-	450	8/R	DC	4.3	291	12.8	6	245	-
	911 Carrera T Coupé	2 921 000	57 260	H6/2981	P-T	290	-	450	6/R	M	4.5	295	13.8	6	262	-
	911 Carrera T Cabriolet	3 205 000	62 820	H6/2981	P-T	290	-	450	6/R	M	4.7	293	14.0	6	266	-
	911 Carrera S Coupé	3 095 000	60 670	H6/2981	P-T	353	-	530	8/R	DC	3.5	308	12.2	6	233	-
	911 Carrera S Cabriolet	3 362 000	65 890	H6/2981	P-T	353	-	530	8/R	DC	3.7	308	12.6	6	239	-
	911 Carrera GTS Coupé	3 525 000	69 080	H6/3591	P-T/H	398	-	610	8/R	DC	3.0	312	12.8	6	244	-
	911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet	3 793 000	74 330	H6/3591	P-T/H	398	-	610	8/R	DC	3.1	312	13.0	6	246	-
	911 Carrera 4 GTS Coupé	3 680 000	72 120	H6/3591	P-T/H	398	-	610	8/4	DC	3.0	312	12.8	6	244	-
	911 Carrera 4 GTS Cabriolet	3 948 000	77 360	H6/3591	P-T/H	398	-	610	8/4	DC	3.1	312	13.1	6	248	-
	911 targa 4 GTS	3 950 000	77 400	H6/3591	P-T/H	398	-	610	8/4	DC	3.1	312	13.1	6	248	-
	911 GT3 touring	4 623 000	90 570	H6/3996	P	375/8400	-	450	6/R	M	3.9	313	16.4	6	310	-
	911 GT3 touring auto	4 623 000	90 570	H6/3996	P	375/8400	-	450	7/R	DC	3.4	311	16.6	6	312	-
	911 GT3	4 623 000	90 570	H6/3996	P	375/8400	-	450	6/R	M	3.9	313	16.4	6	310	-
	911 GT3 auto	4 623 000	90 570	H6/3996	P	375/8400	-	450	7/R	DC	3.4	311	16.6	6	312	-
	911 GT3 RS	5 038 000	98 690	H6/3996	P	386/8500	-	465/6300	7/R	DC	3.2	296	15.2	6	289	-
	911 GT3 RS Weissach	6 004 600	117 600	H6/3996	P	386/8500	-	465/6300	7/R	DC	3.2	296	15.2	6	289	-
	911 turbo Coupé	4 451 000	87 200	H6/3745	P-T	427/6500	-	750/2250	8/4	DC	2.8	320	13.3	6	254	-
	911 turbo Cabriolet	4 709 000	92 250	H6/3745	P-T	427/6500	-	750/2250	8/4	DC	2.9	320	13.6	6	257	-
	911 turbo S Coupé	5 019 000	98 320	H6/3745	P-T	478/6750	290	800/2500	8/4	DC	2.82	330	13.3	6	254	Jan 21
	911 turbo S Cabriolet	5 278 000	103 390	H6/3745	P-T	478/6750	-	800/2500	8/4	DC	2.8	330	13.6	6	257	-
	911 turbo S0	5 801 000	113 620	H6/3745	P-T	478/6750	-	800/2500	8/4	DC	2.7	330	13.8	6	263	-

Cayenne

5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 70 litres (S e-hybrid, turbo e-hybrid) 75 (e-hybrid) 90 (Cayenne, S) • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: Spacious, luxurious and very capable sports SUV. Bad: Expensive options list. Our choice: Cayenne S. Replacement due: Facelifted 2023 Q2. GTS added. Also look at: Alfa Romeo Stelvio, Audi Q7, BMW X5, Land Rover Range Rover Velar / Range Rover Sport, Mercedes GLE, Lexus RX, Volkswagen Touareg

	Cayenne	2 049 000	40 200	V6/2995	P-T	260/5400	-	500/1450	8/4	A	6.0	248	11.0	8	210	-
	Cayenne S	2 340 000	45 890	V8/3996	P-T	349/5700	-	600/2000	8/4	A	5.0	273	11.6	8	220	-
	Cayenne e-hybrid	2 652 000	52 000	V6/2995	P-T/H	346/5400	-	650/1400	8/4	A	4.9	254	2.9	8	56	-
	Cayenne GTS	2 572 000	50 430	V8/3996	P-T	368/6000	-	660/2100	8/4	A	4.4	275	14.8	8	280	-
	Cayenne S e-hybrid	2 879 000	56 440	V6/2995	P-T/H	382	-	750	8/4	A	4.7	263	2.0	8	39	-
	Cayenne turbo e-hybrid	3 873 000	75 890	V8/3996	P-T/H	544	-	950	8/4	A	3.7	295	2.4	8	45	-

Cayenne Coupé

5-door SUV • Seats: 4 • 70 litres (S e-hybrid, turbo e-hybrid) 75 (e-hybrid) 90 (Cayenne, S, GT3, turbo GT) • Boot 305/1 025 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: Probably as good and capable as the standard Cayenne. Bad: Simply a different design. Our choice: Cayenne Coupé S. Replacement due: Facelifted 2023 Q2. GTS added. Also look at: Alfa Romeo Stelvio, Audi Q8 / Q8R / RSQ8, BMW X6, Land Rover Range Rover Velar / Range Rover Sport, Lexus RX, For Cayenne: turbo GT: Aston Martin DBX, BMW X6 M, Lamborghini Urus, Mercedes-AMG GLE63 S Coupé

	Cayenne Coupé	2 134 000	41 860	V6/2995	P-T	260/5400	-	500/1450	8/4	A	6.0	248	11.3	8	214	-
	Cayenne S Coupé	2 461 000	48 260	V8/3996	P-T	349/5700	164	600/2000	8/4	A	4.62	273	11.88	8	222	Jan 24
	Cayenne e-hybrid Coupé	2 747 000	53 860	V6/2995	P-T/H	346/5400	-	650/1400	8/4	A	4.9	254	3.0	8	58	-
	Cayenne GTS Coupé	2 653 000	52 020	V8/3996	P-T	368/6000	-	660/2100	8/4	A	4.4	275	14.8	8	280	-
	Cayenne S e-hybrid Coupé	2 980 000	58 420	V6/2995	P-T/H	382	-	750	8/4	A	4.7	263	2.0	8	39	-
	Cayenne turbo e-hybrid Coupé	3 935 000	77 110	V8/3996	P-T/H	544	-	950	8/4	A	3.7	295	2.4	8	46	-
	Cayenne turbo GT	4 506 000	88 280	V8/3996	P-T	485/6000	-	850/2300	8/4	A	3.3	305	14.3	8	271	-

Macan

Good: Handling and ride. Bad: Very little. Our choice: Macan S. Replacement due: Facelifted 2021. Also look at: Alfa Romeo Stelvio, Audi SQ5 / SQ5 Sportback, BMW X2 / X3 / X4, Land Rover Range Rover Evoque, Lexus NX, Maserati Grecale, Mercedes GLC, Volvo XC60

Macan T

1 620 000

31 810

4/1984

P-T

195/5000

101

400/1800

7/4

DC

6.27

232

10.6

8

200

TBC

Macan S

1 754 000

34 430

V6/2894

P-T

280/5200

-

520/1850

7/4

DC

4.8

259

11.9

8

225

-

Macan GTS

2 056 000

40 340

V6/2894

P-T

324/5200

-

550/1900

7/4

DC

4.5

272

11.9

8

225

-

Panamera

5-door Fastback • Seats: 4 (opt 5) • Fuel tank: 90 litres (Panamera, 4) 80 litres (all e-hybrid) • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: An accomplished package. Bad: More sporting than luxurious. Our choice: Panamera. Replacement due: GT5 and turbo S e-hybrid added. Also look at: Audi S7 / RS7 Sportback, BMW 8 Series Gran Coupé / M8 Gran Coupé, Mercedes-AMG GT 4-door Coupé

Panamera

2 253 000

44 190

V6/2894

P-T

260/5400

-

500/1900

8/R

DC

5.3

272

11.4

8

216

-

Panamera 4

2 331 000

45 720

V6/2894

P-T

260/5400

-

500/1900

8/4

DC

5.0

270

11.9

8

226

-

Panamera 4 e-hybrid

2 754 000

54 000

V6/2894

P-T/H

346

-

650

8/4

DC

4.1

280

1.7

8

32

-

Panamera 4 e-hybrid executive

2 909 000

57 030

V6/2894

P-T/H

346

-

650

8/4

DC

4.2

280

1.7

8

32

-

Panamera 4S e-hybrid

2 954 000

57 910

V6/2894

P-T/H

40

-

750

8/4

DC

3.7

290

1.7

8

33

-

Panamera GTS

3 181 000

62 350

V8/3996

P-T

368/6500

-

660

8/4

DC

3.8

302

14.0

8

267

-

Panamera turbo e-hybrid

4 202 000

82 330

V8/3996

P-T/H

500

-

930

8/4

DC

3.2

315

2.0

8

38

-

Panamera turbo S e-hybrid

4 802 000

94 070

V8/3996

P-T/H

575

-

1000

8/4

DC

2.9

325

2.5

8

47

-

Taycan

4-door Fastback • Seats: 4 (opt 4+1) 2 (turbo GT Weissach) • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: Porsche's first electric car promises great performance. Bad: Expensive. Our choice: Taycan base model. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q1. Also look at: Audi RS e-tron GT, BMW i5 / i7, BYD Seal, Mercedes EQE Sedan / EQS Sedan

Taycan

2 894 000

56 740

electric

E

300

-

410

E/R

E

4.8

230

E

8

0

-

Taycan 4

3 030 000

59 400

electric

E

300

-

585

E/4

E

4.6

230

E

8

0

-

Taycan 4S

3 295 000

64 580

electric

E

440

-

710

E/4

E

3.7

250

E

8

0

-

Taycan GTS

3 962 000

77 630

electric

E

515

-

790

E/4

E

3.3

250

E

8

0

-

Taycan turbo

4 384 000

85 890

electric

E

650

-

890

E/4

E

2.7

260

E

8

0

-

Taycan turbo S

5 487 000

107 480

electric

E

700

-

1110

E/4

E

2.4

260

E

8

0

-

Taycan turbo GT

5 929 000

116 120

electric

E

760

-

1240

E/4

E

2.3

290

E

8

0

-

Taycan turbo GT Weissach

5 908 000

115 710

electric

E

760

-

1240

E/4

E

2.2

305

E

8

0

-

Taycan Cross Turismo

5-door Estate • Seats: 4 • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 100 000 km (Optional 5 year / 100 000 km)

Good: Arguably one of the prettiest Porsches. Bad: Not many alternatives. Our choice: 4 Cross Turismo. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q1. Also look at: No electric estate rival, but also see: Audi RS6 Avant, BMW M3 Touring

Taycan 4 Cross Turismo

3 227 000

63 250

electric

E

320

-

610

E/4

E

4.7

220

E

8

0

-

Taycan 4S Cross Turismo

3 442 000

67 460

electric

E

440

-

710

E/4

E

3.8

240

E

8

0

-

Taycan turbo Cross Turismo

4 419 000

86 580

electric

E

650

-

890

E/4

E

2.8

250

E

8

0

-

Proton

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Saga

4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 40 litres • Service Plan: Optional

Good: More choice for ride-hailing drivers. Bad: Proton's previous Saga wasn't all that epic. Our choice: In this category the cheapest is best. Replacement due: Intro 2023 Q1. Also look at: Honda Amaze, Hyundai Grand i10 Sedan, Kia Pegas, Suzuki D'Zire

Saga 1.3 Standard

209 900

4 210

4/1332

P

70/5750

-

120/4 000

5/F

M

-

-

8.4

2

162

-

Saga 1.3 Standard auto

224 900

4 510

4/1332

P

70/5750

-

120/4 000

4/F

A

-

-

8.4

2

162

-

Saga 1.3 Premium

244 900

4 900

4/1332

P

70/5750

-

120/4 000

4/F

A

-

-

8.4

2

162

-

X50

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 45 litres • Service Plan: Optional

Good: Proton returns after 10 years. Bad: They must have left for a reason. Our choice: Not yet tested. Replacement due: Intro 2022. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Chery Tiggo Cross / Tiggo 7 Pro, Ford Puma, GAC GS3 Emzoom, Haval Jolion Pro, Honda Elevate, Hyundai Creta, Jaceco J7, Kia Seltos, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Omada C5, Opel Mokka, Peugeot 2008, Renault Duster / Captur, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Corolla Cross

X50 1.5T Standard

449 900

8 910

3/1477

P-T

110/5500

-

226/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

7.8

4

150

-

X50 1.5T Luxury

499 900

9 890

3/1477

P-T

110/5500

-

226/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

7.8

4

150

-

X50 1.5T Executive

535 900

10 590

3/1477

P-T

110/5500

-

226/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

7.8

6

150

-

X50 1.5T Premium

579 900

11 450

3/1477

P-T

130/5500

-

255/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

7.8

6

150

-

X70

5-door Cross-Over / SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 60 litres • Service Plan: Optional

Good: Untested. Bad: Rivals tough to beat. Our choice: Not yet tested. Replacement due: Intro 2022. Also look at: Ford Territory, GAC Emkoo, Haval H6, Jaceco J7, Kia Sportage, Mahindra XUV700, Mazda CX-5, Nissan X-Trail, Toyota RAV4, Volkswagen Tiguan

X70 1.5T Standard

529 900

10 470

3/1477

P-T

130/5500

-

255/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

9.4

6

176

-

X70 1.5T Executive

579 900

11 450

3/1477

P-T

130/5500

-

255/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

9.4

6

176

-

X70 1.5T Executive AWD

629 900

12 430

3/1477

P-T

130/5500

-

255/1500

7/4

DC

-

-

9.4

6

176

-

X70 1.5T Premium X

639 900

12 630

3/1477

P-T

130/5500

-

255/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

9.4

6

176

-

X90

5-door Cross-Over / SUV • Seats: 7 (Standard, Executive, Premium) 6 (Flagship) • Fuel tank: 60 litres • Service Plan: Optional

Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Still to be tested. Replacement due: Intro 2023 Q3. Also look at: Chery Tiggo 8 Pro, Jetour X70 Plus, Mahindra XUV700, Mitsubishi Outlander, Nissan X-Trail, Volkswagen Tiguan Allspace

X90 1.5T Standard

499 900

9 890

3/1477

P

140/5500

-

255+e/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

8.2

6

156

-

X90 1.5T Executive

525 900

10 400

3/1477

P

140/5500

-

255+e/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

8.2

6

156

-

X90 1.5T Premium

575 900

11 370

3/1477

P

140/5500

-

255+e/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

8.2

6

156

-

X90 1.5T Flagship

599 900

11 840

3/1477

P

140/5500

-

255+e/1500

7/F

DC

-

-

8.2

6

156

-

Renault

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Captur

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 48 litres • Boot: 296-368/744 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / 45 000 km

Good: The most powerful in its segment. Bad: AVW T-Cross is more appealing. Our choice: Intens. Replacement due: Facelift due 2025. Also look at: BAIC Beijing X55, Citroën C3 Aircross, GAC GS3 Emzoom, Haval Jolion Pro, Honda HR-V, Hyundai Venue / Creta, Kia Sonet / Seltos, Mazda CX-3, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Omada C5, Opel Mokka, Peugeot 2008, Proton X50, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Urban Cruiser, Volkswagen T-Cross / Taigo

Captur 1.3 Turbo Zen

489 999

9 690

4/1332

P-T

113/6000

-

270/1700

7/F

DC

9.6

193

7.9

4

149

-

Captur 1.3 Turbo Intens

509 999

10 080

4/1332

P-T

113/6000

87

270/1700

7/F

DC

8.38

193

7.92

4

149

Sep 23

Clio

5-door Hatch • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 42 litres • Service Plan: 2 year / 30 000 km

Good: Stylish Frenchie. Bad: Is it new enough looking? Our choice: Life. Replacement due: Facelift due. Also look at: Honda Fit, Hyundai i20, Mazda2, Opel Corsa, Suzuki Baleno, Toyota Starlet, VW Polo Vivo / Polo Hatch

Clio 1.0 Turbo Life

312 999

6 230

3/999

P-T

74/5000

-

160/2750

5/F

M

11.8

187

6.8

4

132

-

Clio 1.0 Turbo Zen

327 999

6 520

3/999

P-T

74/5000

-

160/2750

5/F

M

11.8

187

6.8

6

132

-

Clio 1.0 Turbo Intens

367 999

7 310

3/999

P-T

74/5000

-

160/2750

5/F

M

12.2

187

6.84

6

132

Jun 22

Duster

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 50 litres • Service Plan: 3 year / 45 000 km

Good: Long awaited, and finally here. Bad: No diesel engine. Replacement due: Intro 2025 Q1. Also look at: Chery Tiggo Cross, Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, Peugeot 2008, Proton X50

Duster 1.3T Zen

489 999

9 690

4/1332

P-T/H

113/4800

-

250/1700

7/F

DC

-

-

7.8

6

147

-

Duster 1.3T Intens

519 999

10 280

4/1332

P-T/H

113/4800

-

250/1700

7/F

DC

-

-

7.8

6

147

-

Duster 1.2T Hybrid Zen 4WD

549 999

10 870

3/1199

P-T/H

96/4500

-

230/2000

6/4

M

-

-

6.8

6

129

-

Kiger

5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 40 litres • Service Pla: 2 year / 30 000 km

Good: Sexy little crossover. Affordable, too. Bad: Lots of competition out there. Our choice: 1.0 Turbo Intens. Replacement due: Intro 2021. Also look at: Chery Tiggo4 Pro, Citroën C3, Haval Jolion, Honda Elevate, Hyundai Exter / Venue, Kia Sonet, Mahindra XUV 3X0, MG ZS, Nissan Magnite, Suzuki Fronx / Grand Vitara, Toyota Starlet Cross / Urban Cruiser, Volkswagen T-Cross

Kiger 1.0 Life

249 999

5 000

3/999

P

52/6200

-

96/3500

5/F

M

-

-

6.4

2

126

-

Kiger 1.0 Zen

264 999

5 290

3/999

P

52/6200

-

96/3500

5/F

M

-

-

6.4

4

126

-

Kiger 1.0 Zen auto

274 999

5 490

3/999

P

52/6200

-

96/3500

5/F

AM

-

-

6.2

4

123

-

Kiger 1.0 Turbo Zen

319 999

6 370

3/999

P-T

74/5000

-

160/3500

5/F

M

-

-

6.0

4

119

-

Kiger 1.0 Turbo Intens

339 999

6 760

3/999

P-T

74/5000

-

160/3500

5/F

M

-

-

6.0

4

119

-

Kiger 1.0 Turbo Intens auto

359 999

7 150

3/999

P-T

74/5000

-

160/3500

V/F

V

-

-

6.5

4

129

-

Kwid

5-door Hatch • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 28 litres • Boot: 224/840 lres • Service Plan: 2 year / 30 000 km

Good: Cheap. Bad: Not very cheerful. Our choice: Used VW Polo. Replacement due: Facelifted 2019 Q4. Also look at: Suzuki S-Presso / Celerio, Toyota Vitz

Kwid 1.0 Life

196 999

3 960

3/999

P

50/5500

-

91/4250

5/F

M

-

152

5.9

2

118

-

Kwid 1.0 Zen

206 999

4 160

3/999

P

50/5500

-

91/4250

5/F

M

-

152

5.9

2

118

-

Kwid 1.0 Zen auto

216 999

4 350

3/999

P

50/5500

-

91/4250

5/F

AM

-

152

5.9

2

117

-

Kwid 1.0 Climber

217 999

4 370

3/999

P

50/5500

-

91/4250

5/F

M

-

152

5.9

2

118

-

Kwid 1.0 Climber auto

227 999

4 570

3/999

P

50/5500

-

91/4250

5/F

AM

-

152

5.9

2

117

-

Triber																	5-door MPV • Seats: 7 • Fuel tank: 40 litres • Boot: 65/504-584 litres • Service Plan: 2 year / 30 000 km									
Good: Affordable 7-seater. Bad: Small-capacity engine. Our choice: Intens. Replacement due: Zen auto added 2025 Q2. Also look at: Mitsubishi Xpander, Suzuki Ertiga, Toyota Rumion																										
	Triber 1.0 Life	228 999	4 590	3/999	P	52/6250	-	96/3500	5/F	M	-	-	6.6	2	131	-										
	Triber 1.0 Zen	238 999	4 780	3/999	P	52/6250	-	96/3500	5/F	M	-	-	6.6	2	131	-										
	Triber 1.0 Zen auto	248 999	4 980	3/999	P	52/6250	-	96/3500	5/F	AM	-	-	6.6	2	131	-										
	Triber 1.0 Intens	254 999	5 090	3/999	P	52/6250	54	96/3500	5/F	M	16.68	-	6.6	4	131	May 20										
	Triber 1.0 Intens auto	264 999	5 290	3/999	P	52/6250	-	96/3500	5/F	AM	-	-	6.6	4	131	-										

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Cullinan

5-door SUV • Seats: 4/5 • Fuel tank: 100 litres • Maintenance Plan: 4 year

Good: Quite possibly the most luxurious SUV yet. **Bad:** Untested. **Our choice:** Cullinan. **Replacement due:** Facelift due. **Also look at:** Aston Martin DBX, Bentley Bentayga, Ferrari Purosangue, Lamborghini Urus, Land Rover Range Rover SV, Mercedes-Maybach GLS / EQS



Cullinan	POA	POA	V12/6749	P-T	420/5000	-	850/1600	8/4	A	5.2	250	18.0	6	341	-
Cullinan Black Badge	POA	POA	V12/6749	P-T	442/5000	-	900/1600	8/4	A	-	250	19.9	6	377	-

Ghost																	4-door Sedan • Seats: 4/5 • Fuel tank: 83 litres • Maintenance Plan: 4 year									
Good: The most affordable Rolls-Royce... that's "compact". Bad: Untested. Our choice: Standard model. Replacement due: Facelift due. Also look at: Bentley Flying Spur, Mercedes-Maybach S-Class																										
	Ghost		POA	POA	V12/6749	P-T	420/5000	-	850/1600	8/R	A	4.8	250	18.8	6	358	-									
	Ghost Extended		POA	POA	V12/6749	P-T	420/5000	-	850/1600	8/R	A	4.8	250	18.8	6	358	-									

Phantom																	4-door Sedan • Seats: 4/5 • Fuel tank: 90 litres • Maintenance Plan: 4 year									
Good: Too many to mention... Bad: Isn't a helicopter more time-efficient? Our choice: Extended... if you have a chauffeur. Replacement due: Facelifted 2023. Also look at: No direct rival, but also see Bentley Flying Spur and Mercedes-Maybach S-Class																										
	Phantom	POA	POA	V12/6749	P-T	420/5000	-	900/1700	8/R	A	5.3	250	19.0	6	356	-										
	Phantom Extended		POA	POA	V12/6749	P-T	420/5000	-	900/1700	8/R	A	5.4	250	19.2	6	361	-									

Spectre																	2-door Coupé • Seats: 4 • Maintenance Plan: 4 year									
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro 2024. Also look at: No similar high-end EV coupé on the market																										
	Spectre	POA	POA	electric	E	430	-	900	E/4	E	4.5	-	E	6	0	-										

Subaru														www.subaru.co.za Telephone: 011 608 0116													
Crosstrek														5-door Cross-Over • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 63 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 75 000 km													
Good: Better-looking than th XV it replaces. Bad: Underwhelming engine. CVT. Our choice: L. Replacement due: Intro 2023 Q2. Also look at: Audi Q2 / Q3 Sportback, Haval H6 GT, Lexus UX, Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross, Volkswagen T-Roc																											
	Crosstrek 2.0i L	609 000	12 020	H4/1995	P	115/6000	-	196/4000	W/4	V	-	-	8.6	7	165	-											
	Crosstrek 2.0i S	699 000	13 780	H4/1995	P	115/6000	-	196/4000	W/4	V	-	-	8.6	7	165	-											

Forester															5-door SUV • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 63 litres • Boot: 376/1 424 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 75 000 km														
Good: Reliability and lengthy standard specification. Bad: Old-school cabin. Our choice: 2.0i S ES. Replacement due: Facelift ed 2022 Q1. Also look at: Chery Tiggo 8 Pro, Ford Territory, GAC Emkooq, Haval H6, Kia Sportage, Mahindra XUV700, Mazda CX-5 / CX-60, Toyota RAV4, Volkswagen Tiguan																													
	Forester 2.0i S ES	699 000	13 780	H4/1995	P	115/6000	73	196/4000	W/4	V	10.3	193	9.1	7	179	Dec 18													
	Forester 2.5i Sport ES	729 000	14 370	H4/2498	P	136/5800	86	239/4400	W/4	V	10.06	188	10.0	7	193	Apr 21													
	Forester 2.5i S ES	780 000	15 370	H4/2498	P	136/5800	86	239/4400	W/4	V	9.45	-	8.3	7	193	May 22													

Outback														5-door Estate • Sats: 4/5 • Fuel tank: 63 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 75 000 km													
Good: Pleasant ride, generous spec, all-round ability. Bad: Safety systems sometimes distract. Our choice: 2.5i Field. Replacement due: 2.4T XT added. Also look at: No direct rival																											
	Outback 2.5i Field	839 000	16 520	H4/2498	P	138/5800	-	245/3400	W/4	V	-	-	8.8	8	168	-											
	Outback 2.5i Touring	889 000	17 500	H4/2498	P	138/5800	-	245/3400	W/4	V	-	-	8.8	8	168	-											
	Outback 2.4T XT	999 000	19 650	H4/2387	P-T	183/5200	-	350/2000	W/4	V	-	-	10.8	8	204	-											

WRX															4-door Sedan • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 63 litres • Maintenance Plan: 3 year / 7 000 km									
Good: Sure-footed. Bad: CVT. Too much body cladding. Our choice: 2.4T. Replacement due: Intro 2022. Also look at: Audi A3 Sedan, BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé, Lexus IS, Mercedes A-Class Sedan / CLA																								
	WRX 2.4T	899 000	17 700	H4/2387	P-T	202/5600	-	350/2000	6/4	M	-	-	11.9	8	225	-								
	WRX 2.4T iS ES	999 000	19 650	H4/2387	P-T	202/5600	124	350/2000	W/4	V	-	-	10.2	8	192	Nov 22								

Suzuki														www.suzukiauto.co.za Telephone: 0861 511 111													
Baleno														5-door Hatch • Seats: 5 • Fuel tank: 37 litres • Service Plan: 4 year / 60 000 km													
Good: Untested. Bad: Untested. Our choice: Untested. Replacement due: Intro 2022. Also look at: Hyundai i20, Mazda Mazda2, Opel Corsa, Renault Clio, Toyota Starlet, Volkswagen Polo Vivo / Polo Hatch																											
	Baleno 1.5 GL	260 900	5 210	4/1462	P	77/6000	-	138/4400	5/F	M	-	-	6.5	2	127	-											
	Baleno 1.5 GL auto	284 900	5 680	4/1462	P	77/6000	-	138/4400	4/F	A	-	-	6.8	2	133	-											
	Baleno 1.5 GLX	316 900	6 310	4/1462	P	77/6000	-	138/4400	5/F	M	-	-	6.5	6	127	-											
	Baleno 1.5 GLX auto	336 900	6 700	4/1462	P	77/6000	-	138/4400	4/F	A	-	-	6.8	6	133	-											

GR Corolla															5-door Hatch • Seats: 4 • Fuel tank: 50 litres • Service Plan: 9 services / 90 000 km									
	Good: Hatches don't get any hotter Bad: The last of a dying breed. Our choice: Any you can get your hands on. Replacement due: Intro 2023 Q2. Also look at: BMW M135, Honda Civic Type R, Hyundai i30 N, Volkswagen Golf R																							
	GR Corolla 1.6T GR-Four Core	857 900	16 890	3/1618	P-T	221/6500	-	370/3000	6/4	M	-	230	10.1	7	191	-								
	GR Corolla 1.6T GR-Four Circuit	920 500	18 120	3/1618	P-T	221/6500	152	370/3000	6/4	M	5.04	230	10.1	7	191	Jan 24								
GR Supra															2-door Coupé • Seats: 2 • Fuel tank: 52 litres • Boot: 184 litres • Service Plan: 5 services / 100 000 km									
	Good: Design and driving improvements over BMW Z4. Bad: Price. Our choice: Manual. Replacement due: To end in 2025. Also look at: BMW M240i / M2 / M4 40i Coupé, Ford Mustang, Lotus Emira, Mercedes CLE Coupé, Porsche 718 Cayman																							
	GR Supra 3.0T	1 509 700	29 650	16/2998	P-T	285/5800	-	500/1800	6/R	M	4.67	250	10.7	7	202	Jan 24								
	GR Supra 3.0T auto	1 546 100	30 360	16/2998	P-T	285/5800	-	500/1800	8/R	A	4.1	250	9.2	7	177	-								
GR Yaris															3-door Hatch • Seats: 4 • Fuel tank: 50 litres • Service Plan: 9 services / 90 000 km									
	Good: A rare, unique rally car for the road. Bad: Most rivals are more spacious. Our choice: Only one model. Replacement due: Upgrade and auto due. Also look at: Honda Civic Type R, Hyundai i30 N, Volkswagen Golf GTI																							
	GR Yaris 1.6T GR-Four Rally	848 600	16 710	3/1618	P-T	198/6500	152	360/3000	6/4	M	5.38	230	9.1	6	172	Jan 23								
Hiace															MPV • Seats: 14 • Fuel tank: 70 litres • Service Plan: 9 services / 90 000 km									
	Good: Proven reliability. Bad: Better suited for mass transportation. Our choice: Only one model. Replacement due: Upgraded 2021 Q4. Also look at: Ford Tourneo Custom, For on View, Opel Zafira Life, Volkswagen Transporter Kombi																							
	Hiace 2.5D-4D Bus 14-seater GL	740 400	14 590	4/2494	D-T	75/3600	-	260/1600	5/R	M	-	100	11.9	2	266	-								
Hilux																								
Single Cab / Extended Cab / Double Cab Pick-Up • Seats: 2 (Single Cab / Xtra Cab) 4/5 (Double Cab) • Fuel tank: 80 litres • Payload: from 852 kg • Service Plan: 9 services / 90 000 km																								
	Good: Improved engines, nimble on the road - for a bakkie. Bad: Ride quality a notch below some competitors. Our choice: 2.8 GD-6. Replacement due: Raider Xtra Cab / Double Cab facelifted mid 2024. 48V hybrid added. Legend 55 due mid 2025. Also look at: Ford Ranger, Foton Tunland G7, GWM P-Series / P300 / P500, Isuzu D-Max, JAC T8 / T9, LDV T60, Mitsubishi Triton, Nissan Navara, Peugeot Landtrek, Volkswagen Amarok																							
	Hilux 2.0 Single Cab S	361 700	7 180	4/1998	P	102/5600	-	183/4000	5/R	M	-	170	-	3	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD Single Cab S	407 100	8 070	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	343/1400	5/R	M	-	175	-	3	-	-								
	Hilux 2.7 Single Cab S	464 600	9 200	4/2694	P	122/5200	-	245/4000	5/R	M	-	180	-	3	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Single Cab SR	502 900	9 950	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	M	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Single Cab 4x4 SR	578 000	11 420	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6x2/2-4	M	-	170	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Single Cab Raider	542 900	10 730	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	M	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Single Cab Raider auto	566 800	11 200	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	A	-	170	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Single Cab 4x4 Raider	623 800	12 310	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6x2/2-4	M	-	170	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Single Cab 4x4 Raider auto	649 700	12 820	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	170	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Single Cab Raider auto	646 200	12 750	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6/R	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Single Cab 4x4 Raider auto	723 300	14 260	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Xtra Cab Raider	563 200	11 130	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	M	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Xtra Cab Raider auto	587 200	11 600	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	A	-	170	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Xtra Cab Legend	670 200	13 220	4/2755	D-T	150/3400	-	420/1400	6/R	M	-	180	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Xtra Cab Legend auto	701 800	13 840	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6/R	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Xtra Cab 4x4 Legend	755 200	14 880	4/2755	D-T	150/3400	-	420/1400	6x2/2-4	M	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Xtra Cab 4x4 Legend auto	787 200	15 510	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.7 Double Cab S	528 800	10 450	4/2694	P	122/5200	-	245/4000	5/R	M	-	180	12.8	3	253	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Double Cab SR	572 000	11 300	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	M	-	175	8.5	7	187	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Double Cab 4x4 SR	657 900	12 980	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6x2/2-4	M	-	170	9.1	7	199	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Double Cab Raider	612 100	12 080	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	M	-	175	8.5	7	187	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Double Cab Raider auto	633 200	12 500	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6/R	A	-	170	8.8	7	192	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Double Cab 4x4 Raider	684 800	13 510	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6x2/2-4	M	-	175	9.1	7	199	-								
	Hilux 2.4GD-6 Double Cab 4x4 Raider auto	716 300	14 120	4/2393	D-T	110/3400	-	400/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	170	9.2	7	202	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Double Cab Raider	769 900	15 170	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6/R	A	-	175	8.9	7	195	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 48V Double Cab Raider	785 400	15 470	4/2755	D-T/H	162/3000	-	565/1600	6/R	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Double Cab 4x4 Raider	858 600	16 910	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	175	9.6	7	209	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 48V Double Cab 4x4 Raider	876 600	17 260	4/2755	D-T/H	162/3000	-	565/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Double Cab Legend	859 200	16 920	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6/R	A	-	175	8.9	7	195	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 48V Double Cab Legend	869 100	17 110	4/2755	D-T/H	162/3000	-	565/1600	6/R	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Double Cab 4x4 Legend	909 400	17 900	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	175	9.6	7	209	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 48V Double Cab 4x4 Legend	921 800	18 140	4/2755	D-T/H	162/3000	-	565/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	175	-	7	-	-								
	Hilux 2.8GD-6 Double Cab 4x4 GR-Sport	999 000	19 650	4/2755	D-T	165/3000	73	550/1600	6x2/2-4	A	9.81	175	10.4	7	229	Aug 24								
Land Cruiser 70 Series																								
Single Cab / Double Cab Pick-Up / 3-door/5-door SUV • Seats: 2 (76) 4/5 (78 / 79) • Fuel tank: 130 litres (D/Cab, 76) 180 (Single Cab, 78) • Service Plan: Optional																								
	Good: Extremely rugged. Bad: Pricey. Hard ride. Our choice: 2.8 Station Wagon LX. Replacement due: Facelifted 2024 Q1. 2.8GD-6 added. Also look at: Ineos Grenadier, Jeep Wrangler / Gladiator, Mahindra Pik Up, VW Transporter Pick-Up																							
	Land Cruiser 79 4.0 V6 Single Cab	800 300	15 770	V6/3956	P	170/5200	-	360/3800	5x2/2-4	M	12.6	165	17.3	2	343	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 4.2D Single Cab	866 600	17 060	i6/4164	D	96/3800	-	285/2200	5x2/2-4	M	18.0	140	14.6	2	320	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 2.8GD-6 Single Cab	927 300	18 250	4/2755	D-T	150/3200	-	450/2400	5x2/2-4	M	-	150	9.1	2	197	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 2.8GD-6 Single Cab auto	958 800	18 870	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	150	11.6	2	254	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 4.5D-4D V8 Single Cab LX	999 600	19 670	V8/4461	D-T	151/3400	-	430/1200	5x2/2-4	M	-	160	13.9	2	306	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 4.0 V6 Double Cab	903 900	17 790	V6/3956	P	170/5200	-	360/3800	5x2/2-4	M	12.6	165	17.3	2	343	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 4.2D Double Cab	962 600	18 940	i6/4164	D	96/3800	-	285/2200	5x2/2-4	M	18.0	140	14.6	2	320	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 2.8GD-6 Double Cab	1 054 800	20 750	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	150	11.6	2	254	-								
	Land Cruiser 79 4.5D-4D V8 Double Cab LX	1 086 400	21 360	V8/4461	D-T	151/3400	-	430/1200	5x2/2-4	M	-	160	14.3	2	313	-								
	Land Cruiser 78 4.2D Wagon	941 000	18 520	i6/4164	D	96/3800	-	285/2200	5x2/2-4	M	18.0	145	14.3	2	313	-								
	Land Cruiser 76 2.8GD-6 Station Wagon LX	1 013 800	19 940	4/2755	D-T	150/3200	-	450/2400	5x2/2-4	M	-	150	9.2	2	201	-								
	Land Cruiser 76 2.8GD-6 Station Wagon LX auto	1 045 300	20 560	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	66	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	10.5	150	11.8	2	258	May 24								
	Land Cruiser 76 2.8GD-6 Station Wagon VX	1 141 000	22 430	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	6x2/2-4	A	-	150	11.8	2	258	-								
Land Cruiser 300																								
5-door SUV • Seats: 7 • Fuel tank: 80+30 = total 130 litres • Service Plan: 9 services / 90 000 km																								
	Good: Go-anywhere ability. Bad: Not much. Our choice: 3.3D GX-R. Replacement due: Intro 2021 Q3. Also look at: Audi Q7, BMW X7, Jeep Grand Cherokee L, Land Rover Discovery / Range Rover, Lexus LX, Mercedes GLS, Volkswagen Touareg, Volvo XC90																							
	Land Cruiser 300 3.3D GX-R	1 512 100	29 690	V6/3346	D-T	225/4000	-	700/1600	10x2/4	A	-	210	10.7	7	238	-								
	Land Cruiser 300 3.3D ZX	2 037 600	39 980	V6/3346	D-T	225/4000	-	700/1600	10x2/4	A	-	210	10.7	9	238	-								
	Land Cruiser 300 3.5T ZX	2 077 200	40 750	V6/3445	P-T	305/5200	-	650/2000	10x2/4	A	-	210	14.5	9	291	-								
	Land Cruiser 300 3.3D GR-Sport	2 094 400	41 090	V6/3346	D-T	225/4000	86	700/1600	10x2/4	A	8.23	210	10.68	9	238	Mar 22								
	Land Cruiser 300 3.5T GR-Sport	2 130 000	41 790	V6/3445	P-T	305/5200	-	650/2000	10x2/4	A	-	210	14.5	9	291	-								
Land Cruiser Prado																								
5-door SUV • Seats: 7 • Fuel tank: 80+30 = total 130 litres • Boot: 92-400/1 272 litres • Service Plan: 9 services / 90 000 km																								
	Good: Strong heritage behind it. Bad: Big shoes to fill. Our choice: VX-R. Replacement due: Intro mid 2024. Also look at: Audi Q7, BMW X5, GWM Tank 500, Ineos Grenadier, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Land Rover Defender / Discovery, Lexus GX, Mercedes GLE, Volkswagen Touareg, Volvo XC90																							
	Land Cruiser Prado 2.8GD TX	1 328 900	26 110	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	-	500/1600	8x2/2-4	A	-	165	9.5	9	209	-								
	Land Cruiser Prado 2.8GD VX-R	1 485 300	29 170	4/2755	D-T	150/3000	68	500/1600	8x2/2-4	A	10.88	165	9.5	9	209	Oct 24								



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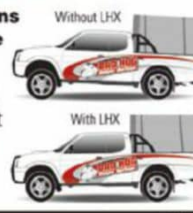
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BMW E1 Concept

COOL CONCEPTS

By: Gareth Dean

Looking at the pictures of this dumpy, rust-coloured city car, you are no doubt wondering just how such a creation could find its way onto our Cool Concepts page, however, BMW's E1 was more cutting-edge and influential than its pedestrian appearance would suggest. Unveiled at the 1991 Frankfurt Motor Show in response to tightening emission laws coming out of the United States (remember, in the '80s, between 70% and 80% of cars there were V8-engined), the E1 was a product of BMW Technik GmbH, the same engineering division that brought us such novelties as the Z1 and the zany Z18, which placed a Z3 roadster-style body on a high-riding SUV chassis. BMW was all too aware of the limitations of battery technology at the time, particularly in terms of the operating range and charging, so it chose to develop the E1 as an urban mobility solution.

Unlike many concepts, which are little more than an eye-catching shell on a chassis, powered by a golf cart motor, the E1 was built as a fully roadworthy prototype. This meant that in addition to accommodating the practical considerations and high-quality cabin materials typical of BMWs, the E1 had to conform to the crash-safety standards of



the day. To achieve this, the car was not only fitted with dual front airbags, but also utilised an innovative construction comprising an aluminium frame clad with plastic panels that was tough and lightweight.

A rear axle-mounted electric

motor fed by sodium-sulphur batteries was mounted under the rear seat (another nod to production-viable crash safety) and developed a modest 37 kW but it was good for a top speed of 120 km/h and a very respectable range of 200 km.

Charging was achieved via a standard 16 amp electrical outlet, using a plug stashed in one of the E1's kidney grille panels, and took six hours.

These features may not seem significant by current standards, but they were cutting-edge back then when electric vehicles were little more than an automotive pipe dream.

Unfortunately, the E1 was perhaps a little too far ahead of its time in some respects. Deficiencies in the cooling systems needed for the sodium-sulphur batteries – which had the double-threat disadvantages of high optimal operating temperature and extremely flammable innards – were revealed when the original prototype caught alight while charging, destroying the car as well as a portion of an adjacent building. Consequently, BMW utilised more stable sodium-nickel chloride batteries for its successor, the 1993 Z15 concept.

Although the E1 may have looked bizarre and been limited by the battery technology of its time (not to mention sadly combustible), its design and architecture would go on to form the blueprint for BMW's first production-series EV, the i3, as well as it casting the die for the growing range of i-branded EV models to come. *car*

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